



December 23, 2024

## Reflections on IGD Mexico, Anarchist Media, and International Solidarity

December 20, 2024

Social struggles south of the border in so-called Mexico held a somewhat uncomfortable space on IGD. One obvious reason being the language barrier which we sought as a project to overcome, translating voices directly from the ground, collectives, communities, and barrios in resistance in different parts of so-called Mexico. Another factor, one more difficult to face, yet one at the heart of doing international solidarity and media work, is the differing social, political, economic, cultural, and historical contexts throughout so-called North America, and throughout so-called Mexico, which make mutual aid and mutual understanding between spaces and movements more complex.

A quick scan of what we covered on “IGD Mexico” would result in one finding translated statements and communiques from individuals, collectives, and communities in resistance, interviews with frontline organizers and prisoners, calls for solidarity and fundraising, denunciations of repression, etc. The majority of the coverage was focused on Indigenous and campesino communities engaged in struggles for autonomy, self-

organization, land and self-defense. This coincides with the overwhelming strength of these communities and movements in so-called Mexico. It also speaks to complex questions of context, communication, and solidarity inherent to transnational organizing and media work.

Struggles for autonomy in so-called Mexico derive from complex and multiple histories, from struggles for self-defense against the state, caciques or narco-groups, in defense of water and forests, for self-determined forms of organization against political parties, etc. They often involve intricate forms of community organization including questions of power, prestige, authority, decision-making, work, land tenure, cargo systems, etc. They often maintain shifting and complex relationships with political parties and unions, police and military forces, the capitalist market, state programs, etc. These complex contexts, histories, and relationships are often lost in the media landscape. Quick romanticization or quick condemnation is often the result.

Mutual understanding and solidarity are further inhibited by privilege, racism, colonization, empire, class, eurocentrism, romanticization, etc. When we look at social struggles in so-called Mexico from the north, we often look at things that fit within our own ideological interpretation of the world and the struggle. We don’t seek to understand

movements and struggles on their own self-determined terms, embedded within their complex histories and contexts. The United States is not the center of the world, and the United States experience isn’t the only experience on earth.

One of the primary challenges translating news, statements, and analysis from social struggles in so-called Mexico is also translating the context, trying to develop a deeper understanding of the different actors involved, the historical relations and continuities of resistance and domination. This requires time and commitment. It requires the weaving of relationships of communication, organization, and action with people on the ground. It requires dedication when things aren’t popping off but are at a point of disarticulation or demobilization.

Unfortunately, contemporary movement media is overwhelmingly dominated by social media. Time is reduced and so is deeper analysis and understanding. The masked protestor, the flaming barricade, or the armed actor become a spectacle. The spectacle often clouds a more critical understanding, hindering the possibility for more meaningful communication, organization, and solidarity.

In so-called Mexico, both narco-paramilitary groups and Indigenous communities in resistance can form armed self-defense groups and call themselves as such; both TERFs and anarcho-feminists can mask up

and fight police in the streets; both right-wing unions and communities defending their territories can throw down burning road blockades. The relationships, politics, and histories of individuals, collectives, communities, unions, and barrios are complicated. Context matters.

Solidarity has many expressions. One of them is about building long term relationships of mutual aid, support, trust, and confidence. It is about showing up for one another, dedicating time and energy, both when things are at their worst and when things are at their best. It is about carrying out those mundane tasks that nobody wants to do and that often go unnoticed.

Anarchist media can play an important role in all of this. Yet, it can also fall into the logic of the market, seeking quantity over quality, spectacle over meaningful communication, showing up only when things are popping off, using movements to strengthen “the brand” of the media project, and not the media project to strengthen the movements.

Let's continue asking ourselves: what kind of media do we need in our spaces, in our communities, in our movements? How can our communication projects become integral parts not only of our movements against capitalism, colonialism, patriarchy and the state, but also of the communities, societies, and relationships that we want to embody and cultivate?

The answer to these questions won't come from this short reflection, nor from a post on an anarchist media project. It will come from the internal organization, discussion, and reflection of the collectives, communities, and barrios in resistance, grounded in their histories, locations, and contexts, derived from their capacity to self-organize, self-reflect, and act.

## On Hiatus: A Statement from the Editors

December 20, 2024

10 years ago a group of people set out to create a new media platform to document and give voice to autonomous social movements happening across so-called North America. It's Going Down (IGD) has had an impact and audience beyond what many of us thought was possible, and we're proud of the work that we've done over the past ten years.

In the last year however, we've come up against the wall of decreasing capacity to continue running this project on a consistent basis. With the coming to power of another Trump administration, we think its important for us to announce that we are taking a hiatus from working on this platform, with the hopes that other projects can find their footing.

A lot has changed since this project started: anarchist and autonomous anti-capitalist voices are louder and more common, as is the push back from elites against them. Both corporate parties are looking to silence and attack those speaking out against the growing push towards authoritarianism, war, inequality, and ecological destruction. We need vibrant media platforms that can speak to the lived realities and conditions of working-class people while also covering grassroots rank-n-file movements from below.

We know that It's Going Down has been a project that a lot of people have utilized as a resource over the years and we want to encourage participants in social struggles to develop media infrastructure in the coming period. Think about what you can do, who you can connect with, and how you can get your reporting out into the world.

Going forward, we do have several podcasts that we intend to get out into the world in the next few weeks, and we encourage people to check out a new collaborative podcast project, *The Beautiful Idea*. Our social media accounts on [BlueSky](#) and [Mastodon](#) will continue to share and post news, upcoming events, and boost other projects. Our columns *In Contempt* and *This Week in Fascism* will also now be appearing on [CrinethInc.](#) starting in 2025.

Finally, we will be keeping *IGD* online as an archive to ensure that this information is open, available, and able to be sourced for research, future learning, and ongoing projects.

This is far from the end for us, and what is coming next is still forming, but incredibly exciting. In the mean time, here are some projects that we encourage you to check out:

- **Podcasts:** [The Final Straw](#), [Live Like the World is Dying](#) and other content on the [Channel Zero Network](#), [The Dugout](#), [It Could Happen Here](#) on [Cool Zone Media](#), [Party Girls](#) and the [Antifada](#).
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In a world of influencers, grifters, and algorithms, we hope that we a created space for an alternative and built a platform for movements and struggles that challenge domination and exploitation.

The old Indymedia slogan rings as true today as it ever did: make media, make trouble!

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## Fieldnotes: Bobcats United IWW Campaign

December 15, 2024

Report on workplace organizing campaign in Ypsilanti, MI. Originally posted to the [Industrial Worker](#).

“Oh, I don’t know, Bobcat Bonnie’s just isn’t the right environment to organize in. No one else seems to really care enough to take a stand,” I told the facilitator of the Ypsilanti IWW’s Workplace Control and Resistance workshop in early July



\*URGENT ASK: Imam Jamil had a recent growth on his face that is potentially life-threatening.

This is on top of his multiple myeloma (cancer), strokes, other medical issues.

Call: 972-352-4400, Press 1 for operator. Provide Name & Inmate Number: Jamil Al-Amin, #99974-555



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Jailhouse Lawyers Speak -

@JailLawSpeak · Dec 13

Some compounds decided to lock down certain wings in “active” units as we are learning.

When all the inside ShutEm Down intel we can possibly get is in, we will be moving forward with announcing 2025 plans.

Also, 2025 Black August Abolitionist Convergence. Location/dates TBA



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J.L.H.R.N  
@lawyers\_I89063 · Dec 19

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Several people at Turbeville Correctional Institution set fires in their dorm to protest inhumane treatment and conditions. Weeks of no showers or recreation. The fires were set in their cells. Some threw fires outside the locked cells. Hours of choking

Keep in mind that there are millions of ppl in this country who are ready to slip back into upfront lynching days and sun down towns.

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Elizabeth Weill-Greenberg 🇺🇸  
@elizabethweill · Dec 16

This afternoon, the head of Virginia's Department of Corrections dismissed complaints about inhumane conditions at Red Onion State Prison — and instead told lawmakers that prisoners who intentionally burned themselves had misbehaved and were manipulative.

Virginia Prison Director Tells Self-Immolating Prisoners to Behave

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@elizabethweill · Dec 13

Please contact the prosecutor's office and urge them to drop all charges against this mother of 3 -

Contact Us - State Attorney Office  
10th Judicial Circuit

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Reminder: Approximately 2 million ppl in cages. Ppl are in here literally crying at how cruel this gesture is from a man that is largely responsible for todays prison system, and you all PRETEÑDING as if this is huge...

President Biden  
@POTUS · Dec 12

Today, I'm pardoning 39 people with

non-violent crimes who have demonstrated remorse and rehabilitation, and I'm commuting the sentences of nearly 1,500 others — many of whom would have received lower sentences today.

America was built on second chances. That's what these pardons and commutations represent.

America was built on the promise of possibility and second chances. As President, I have the great privilege of extending mercy to people who have demonstrated remorse and rehabilitation, restoring opportunity for Americans to participate in daily life and contribute to their communities, and taking steps to remove sentencing disparities for non-violent offenders, especially those convicted of drug offenses.

That is why, today, I am pardoning 39 people who have shown successful rehabilitation and have shown commitment to making their communities stronger and safer. I am also commuting the sentences of nearly 1,500 people who are serving long sentences for the commission of non-violent offenses, including low-levels of charged under today's laws, policies, and practices. These commutation recipients, who were placed on home confinement during the COVID pandemic, have successfully reintegrated into their families and communities and have

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And yes, there is a difference between state and federal authority in this area of pardons/commutations #Pardons #commutations #prisons #jails #immigration

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'Non violent offenders vs violent offenders' - their language.

Completely political terms utilized by political prison builders and profiteers to pass laws that have kept prisons filled.

#shutemdown #burntheprisons

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Federal Bureau of Prisons will be cutting the free 5 minutes phone calls in January.

Call time (minutes) will also be decreased unless we are working or programming. #burntheprisons

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Students for Imam Jamil  
 @\_FreelmannJamil · Dec 13

Today, I'm pardoning 39 people with

I of 2024. I said this as a somewhat experienced organizer, too! I had already taken an OT101 and been part of two organizing campaigns prior to my employment at Bobcat Bonnie's. Even experienced organizers can fall prey to this type of "doomerism" thinking. As you read along, you will see that there was always an opportunity to organize here, and everywhere, including your own "unorganizable" workplace.

Little did I know, less than two months after this workshop, individual workers would begin to be very vocal about their grievances at the restaurant. A couple of days after Labor Day, I woke up to this message in my 7shifts (our scheduling app) group chat from a fellow worker:

*"For everyone listening... You can't expect us to work Labor Day while we wait to cash our paychecks. For my coworkers, educate yourself on French history. Fire me."*

I immediately realized I was wrong in my assessment I made back in July. I then felt a sense of urgency to meet with this person (let's call them Ember) and get organized. So, I reached out to them over Facebook Messenger:

*"Hey, Ember, I really loved your messages in the 7shifts chat, and you're 100% right. We should get together for some coffee in the next couple of days to talk about this."*

I will note here that the staff at Bobcat Bonnie's was a really tight-knit crew. We were all friends with each other and hung out outside of work frequently. We mostly had each other's contact information, and for those we didn't, it was easily accessible on the 7shifts app. The boss gave us a great resource for gathering information through that app, and we already had built amazing relationships with one another. So, in a way, I think we were informally organizing before this happened, and it set us up for success.

So, when Ember and I met for coffee, it was nothing out of the ordinary. Then, when we took it a step further and asked a few of our

closest coworkers to meet for dinner and fill them in on our discussion, it also was nothing out of the ordinary. Let's fast forward to that dinner.

Ember and I began the conversation by talking about the bounced paychecks and how f\*cked up it was that many of us worked on Labor Day with no pay. Out of the seven of us at the table, the majority had at least one bounced paycheck.

Personally, I never had a bounced paycheck, but after this discussion, it became apparent that this had been an ongoing, widespread issue for over a year and we had no idea because everyone was gaslit by management into believing it was *their own fault* somehow. This is why it is critical to agitate. Ask your coworkers about what makes them upset on the job, and record it somewhere; we could have started organizing around this issue much earlier. One worker had six bounced paychecks in just the past year.

Armed with a petition with full support from the entire staff and signatures from the overwhelming majority of us, we hatched a plan to march on the corporate office in Ferndale and hand-deliver the letter to the owner of the company. A group of nine of us committed to driving out to Ferndale from Ypsilanti; we assigned roles to each person and role played the delivery beforehand. Not only this, but we prepared an employee "press release" flyer to hand-deliver to the workers at each Bobcat Bonnie's location across the state of Michigan so that our narrative would spread before the employer could formulate a response to our organizing. We split into different teams to cover the most ground in the least amount of time. This flyer explained what we did, why we did it, and contained a QR code that led to a carrd.co website we had prepared which let people know how to join the fight. We also plastered these flyers near employee entrances and dumpsters.

fellow workers, in an effort to pit us against each other. Other times, they would talk inappropriately to the younger women on staff, using their positions of power to make predatory remarks.

We also worked together in this time to complete a full social networking document with each employee's name, contact info, job position, an assessment column, "Who Is Talking?" column, and an area for notes. With a finalized petition in hand, we split up the rest of the staff amongst each organizer to complete one-on-ones, so we could get their input and, hopefully, their signature! Over the course of these three weeks leading up to our delivery date of October 7th, we spoke with *every* coworker and received signatures from nearly 90 percent of the staff.

The conversation quickly evolved into an informal grievance hearing. We realized we were all collectively experiencing many issues besides just the bounced paychecks. I suggested to the group the idea of a petition; it seemed like a good first step to collectivize our grievances. So, in the coming weeks, we continued to meet and workshop together as an informal organizing committee until we had a finalized petition on September 16th with a plan to deliver it to the corporate office on October 7th. It had four demands outlined in it:

1. An end to bounced paychecks and a resolution of payroll issues by the next payday, October 11th.
2. Guaranteed, consistent scheduling with sufficient hours to meet each individual employee's needs starting November 2nd.
3. Updated and comprehensive training procedures for both management and employees by November 18th.
4. An immediate end to inappropriate comments from management. Management routinely belittled us and talked trash behind our backs to our



## BOBCAT WORKERS: WE DESERVE MORE!

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Our paychecks are shrinking. Our hours are unreliable. Our schedules come out at the last minute. Our restaurants are closing down. Management and our managers talk to us like shit.

This is IMPERFECTABLE AND INSULTING.

A few weeks ago, some of our fellow Bobcat workers signed onto a petition and hand delivered it to management. It's a corporate test run. On October 7th, it is time we hold the company accountable.

[Sign the Petition](#)  
Scan the QR code to view the letter for yourself and learn how to get involved.

*action on the concerns you have shared about inappropriate and/or harassing behavior. As such, we want to make sure this is done legally, and thoroughly so we will be suspending operations after Sunday's service."*

**Just like that, we were all out of jobs,** and we were smart enough to know that this was probably not going to be a "temporary" closure. Since we were already in a union meeting, we started to discuss what to do, and immediately filed an Unfair Labor Practice (ULP) charge. While ULPs are not the most effective tool, we were out of work; we had lost our most powerful weapon, shopfloor direct action. Knowing the ULP process can take months to years to resolve, we also began preparing plans for an emergency picket line outside the corporate office demanding either a reopening of the Ypsilanti store or severance pay.

Due to the extreme reaction Bobcat Bonnie's had to our organizing in conjunction with our announced plans for an emergency picket, our union email began flooding with inquiries from local news outlets like WXYZ, CBS Detroit, Fox 2 Detroit, MLive, and Detroit Free Press. The community pressure, the extensive news coverage, the damage to the reputation of the company, the legal pressure, and our informational picketing outside of the corporate office proved to be too much. The company gave into our severance pay demand on day two of our picket.

And that's kind of where the story ended. Obviously, it wasn't a great ending; if anything, it was bittersweet. This campaign left me asking a lot of questions: how did things go so well, but so wrong at the same time? Was it going public that shut our store down, or was the Ypsilanti store on the chopping block already? After all, the Partridge Creek store had closed about a month ago and, as you know, paychecks had been bouncing for over a year. We will probably never be able to definitively answer these questions. But here are some of my key takeaways:

Everything went according to plan. The March on the Boss (MOTB) was beautifully executed. The workers at the other Bobcat locations were all sympathetic to the cause and expressed similar grievances. The general vibe at each store was "Wow, I'm surprised this didn't happen sooner." We felt like we were on top of the world and that it was only a matter of time until the other stores would join the struggle for a better Bobcat Bonnie's.

Things from this point on, however, escalated very quickly. Someone, not a worker, passed by one of the back entrances at one of the restaurants. We received an email on our newly created union email: "I really support you guys so I wanted to do what I can to help out; so, I posted your flyer on Reddit." Boom. **Just like that, the cat's out of the bag.** It blew up, and within an hour, the owner found out and was having a full meltdown in the comment section. Rumors and other misinformation began spreading as well. We agreed it would look bad to battle it out in the comments (unlike the owner), and decided we needed to produce a Bobcats United press release. We were forced to go public far sooner than we wanted. Then, just two days after going public, an hour after our dinner service concluded on Sunday, October 13th, and while our organizing committee was in an active meeting discussing next steps, the owner sent out a 7shifts announcement informing the Ypsilanti staff:

*"...as we stated, we will be taking*

1. I feel like going public was what inspired the company to take swift and severe action against our store. We delivered our petition on October 7th. We were forced to go public on October 11th. We were shut down two days later. Not only this, going public shifted our focus from organizing and winning demands to trying to appeal to the general public. It transformed the fight from improving our conditions to desperately trying to save our jobs (or at least win severance pay). I often wonder how this campaign might have been different if that random passerby never posted our flyer to Reddit. Or, perhaps, if we were more careful to prevent that from ever happening. In my estimation, going public escalated the situation greatly, but not in a way that built lasting worker power. It escalated the situation in a negative way and in a way that was not in our control. Escalation plans are meant to be in the workers' control!

2. Despite this, negotiating a severance agreement on the picket line and winning it was a huge win for food workers. We caused a big enough problem that it made the boss realize giving in was cheaper than fighting. We also spoke to many food workers on that picket line who told us how inspired they felt to take action in their own workplaces. Thanks to the public-facing nature of this campaign, we were able to spread the Wobbly gospel widely. I think it was good for food workers to see the power of solidarity unionism in action.

3. Even more importantly, many of my coworkers learned how to organize on the job, attended an OT101, and became active members of our local IWW branch. And the former Bobcats organizing committee is meeting to come up with a brand-new branch project. We can scatter and continue to build the IWW wherever we go.

4. This campaign revealed to me the ultimate purpose of the IWW is to develop more worker-organizers. We can't hyperfocus on any individual workplace; our focus is on organizing the worker. As we do this, our capacity to do bigger things exponentially grows.

## GATHERINGS OF RESISTANCE

### Gatherings the Weekend Before Trump Takes Office

<https://crimethinc.com/festivalsofsresis>

Along with others around the country, we invite you to join us in organizing festivals of resistance on the weekend of January 18, immediately before Donald Trump takes office. This is a crucial opportunity to engage in outreach, education, and action ahead of what it is sure to be a tumultuous time.

Once Trump takes power, it will only become more challenging to make connections with our neighbors, create the networks that we will need to face down his assaults, and share the skills we will need to survive his reign. Right now, we have a precious window of time in which to prepare. Let's make the most of it.



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Mutual Aid can be directed directly towards the inside people led Prisoners Human Rights and Jailhouse Lawyers networks/projects by cash app \$ arebelsworld or Venmo @ arebelsworld



Cori Bush  
@CoriBush · Dec 21

Never forget that Deadly Governor Parson refused to grant clemency to Marcellus "Khalifah" Williams—a Black man with an overwhelming innocence claim. Instead Parson had him executed.

This is white supremacy in action.

**BREAKING: Missouri Governor Pardons Eric**  
**Davalkenaere, the First White Cop in KC History**  
**Convicted for Lynching a Black Person**



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Blk law student enrollment decline follows the high court 2023 decision to ban affirmative action in admissions. Harvard was a defendant named in one of the lawsuits brought by Students for Fair Admissions (SFFA), an anti-affirmative action conservative group led by Edward Blum.



philip lewis  
@Phil\_Lewis\_ · Dec 20

For years, former Black Panthers have feared that the FBI is still keeping tabs on them decades after its notorious COINTELPRO program.

Malik Rahim had never been able to prove he was targeted. Now, government docs show he was correct.



When the Feds Are Still Watching  
Former Black Panthers fear the FBI is still keeping tabs on them decades after COINTELPRO. In at least one case, they were right.

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Billionaires are not your allies

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Christmas gifts to a newly released mom of 2. Thank you to everyone that made the wishlist a reality. We will be removing this gift list after today. Thank you again! #MutualAid #holidayseason

Jailhouse Lawyers Speak -   
@JailLawSpeak · Dec 11

Holiday Solidarity Needed: We have one indigent mother released a month ago who will be at the JLS Housing and Resource Center over the holidays with her 2 children (16 & 13).

Her children have made a wishlist 😊  
Help us make their holiday a good one



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billion to buy the platform Trump got himself banned from and well over \$250 million on private election canvassing.

This canvassing involved picking a daily million-dollar lottery winner out of those canvassed, essentially buying an advertisement in which a struggling working-class family had to gush about how grateful they were to their billionaire benefactors—effectively, a way of bribing working-class voters.

Though they campaigned on "the economy," Donald Trump and Elon Musk have no incentive to improve the lives of ordinary workers. The gulf between billionaires and workers is precisely what enables them to pull stunts like this.

Mind you, plutocracy has always been a fundamental part of real existing democracy. As long as resources are unevenly distributed, the rich can always buy others' votes—either literally, or by promising them a piece of the pie, or else by means of propaganda and intimidation.

But today, it has advanced so far that one billionaire can singlehandedly change the course of an election.

If we want self-determination, we can't simply reform the system. We have to abolish capitalism, the process that concentrates wealth in so few hands.

<https://crimethinc.com/resist2025>



CrimethInc. Ex-Workers  
@CrimethInc@todon.eu • Dec 5

We can imagine FBI agents investigating the killing of the UnitedHealthcare chief executive Brian Thompson struggling to make a "short list" of people who have been wronged by the insurance company.

How did insurance companies become so hated?

Modern-day insurance has its origins in grassroots mutual aid programs such as the "Friendly Societies" in which workers motivated by care for one another would pool their resources and take care of each other. Insurance only became a racket after this model was captured by the state and for-profit corporations.

Though the proponents of capitalism and the state claim that centralization and privatization are essential for scaling up social infrastructure and making it run "more efficiently," state bureaucracy and for-profit models have chiefly served to concentrate control over everyone's lives in the hands of a few oligarchs.

And the more unevenly power is distributed in a society, the more volatile that society is bound to be.

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journ/quarterly-of-healthcare-ethics/article/anarchy-and-its-overlooked-role-in-health-and-healthcare/B04AE2EBAC242460376>

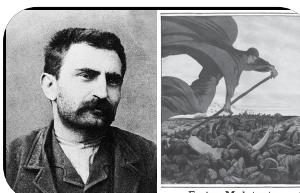
service, the National Health Service (NHS). The NHS was introduced in 1948. Prior to this and without the state, the working class often took healthcare into their own hands, through grassroots self-help and mutual aid. This was particularly exemplified by the Friendly Societies in the UK, which first took shape in the 1700s. Friendly Societies were mutual aid/insurance associations, often built around a workplace, industry, or community. Healthcare was one of their main functions, providing medical insurance with independent doctors and hospitals employed by societies. Throughout the late 1700s and early 1800s, Friendly Societies resisted attempts at government regulation, recognizing this would be the end of self-governance. For similar reasons, Friendly Societies were often opposed by the medical establishment, including the British Medical Association (BMA), which

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The tireless anarchist organizer Errico Malatesta was born on this day in 1853. ■

In 1884, he and other anarchists defied the state to treat a cholera outbreak in Naples—demonstrating a model for grassroots healthcare and mutual aid that remains relevant in the [#COVID19](#) era:

<https://crimethinc.com/cholera>



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We have added a new sticker to our online store: "Capitalism thrives on death—death to capitalism."

You can order them here:

<https://store.crimethinc.com/products/thrives-on-death-sticker>

These are 3"x5" inches, offset printed on coated litho paper. One is included free with every order; you can order them in bulk for pennies per sticker, or download the design to print out yourself.



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Georgia: The Firework Protests

<https://crimethinc.com/Georgia2024>

December 3 marked the sixth consecutive night of clashes between police and anti-government protesters in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia. In this account, anarchists in Tbilisi report from the front lines, exploring the causes of the unrest and documenting it in a series of videos.

Georgia may seem far away, but the challenges that people there face—rule by billionaires, a reactionary clampdown on freedoms, an opposition controlled by feeble liberal leadership, and an absence of revolutionary alternatives—are similar to the challenges that hundreds of millions face in the United States and elsewhere around the world.

Festivals of Resistance: A Call for

Now, it's your turn! Get a head start on organizing your "unorganizable" workplace. Schedule a one-on-one with some of your coworkers. Start agitating. Who knows, an Ember might be in your workplace; fan the flames of discontent!

## Announcing The Beautiful Idea: A New Anarchist Podcast on Front-line Struggles

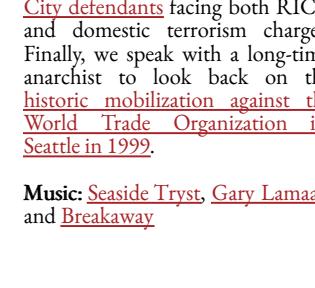
December 15, 2024

Announcing a new anarchist podcast, [The Beautiful Idea](#). Follow them on [Mastodon](#) here.

We are happy to announce the first episode of [The Beautiful Idea](#), a new project from a collective of several anarchist and autonomous media producers scattered around the world. We're bringing you interviews and stories from the front-lines of autonomous social movements and struggles, as well as original commentary and analysis. We plan to put out about two episodes a month; one will be more focused on action news and include shorter interviews with front-line activists and organizers, and the other will feature longer, more deep-dive interviews on specific topics, including theoretical and historical analysis.

On today's show we feature our Behind the Barricades roundup of movement news, events, and updates, along with a look at the recent explosion following the shooting of a United Healthcare CEO in New York. We then speak with someone involved in a [new campaign to support Stop Cop City defendants](#) facing both RICO and domestic terrorism charges. Finally, we speak with a long-time anarchist to look back on the [historic mobilization against the World Trade Organization in Seattle in 1999](#).

Music: [Seaside Tryst](#), [Gary Llama](#), and [Breakaway](#)



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# Transcript

## Behind the Barricades News Roundup

Welcome to *Behind the Barricades* on *The Beautiful Idea*, a roundup of action news and upcoming events across so-called North America.

In October in Austin, TX, anarchists and pro-Palestinian demonstrators rallied and marched against tech giants and their role in facilitating the ongoing genocide in Gaza. Counter-info site [Autonomedia](#) reported:

Such an escalation sets the stage for a real confrontation and challenge to the most important local ties to the genocide. This also forces the local movement into a confrontation with the economic forces that dominate the city and its economic interests-themselves aligned with a domestic project of displacement, development, and dispossession.

In Chicago, [Unsalted](#) reported on a mobilization against the Mid-Continent Gas Conference. A [report-back](#) wrote:

A group of people entered the hotel hosting the conference and crashed the attendee's welcome reception of the 2024 Mid-Continent Gas Conference. A banner with the words, "Enbridge Out of the Great Lakes, Shut Down Line 5 Now!" on one side and, "Evil Enbridge, Fuck Off!" on the other side was unfurled at the cocktail hour reception. People sang, and chanted with a bullhorn, played instruments, and left messages for Enbridge and other gas companies inside the hotel. After causing a ruckus inside, the group walked outside to the bar's patio overlooking the Chicago River, and less than one mile from Lake Michigan, to "greet" more LDC conference attendees with noise, banners, and rowdy jeers. One person was arrested by the pigs for allegedly trespassing and released onsite.

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Anger is rising in so-called British Columbia against the PRGT pipeline. An [anonymous report on BC Counter-Info claimed credit](#) for spiking "thousands of trees along the PRGT pipeline [route]..." It went on to state, "It's up to each of us to combat this project, we hope

In Ypsilanti, MI, on Halloween night, a rowdy crowd held a "spooky" demonstration outside of a slumlord's home. A report-back posted to [Unsalted](#) wrote:

Hark! Let it be known that on this 31st of October - Devil's Night - we, the peasants of so-called Ypsilanti, have declared that we have HAD ENOUGH of landlords!...You have left us serfs with garbage, so we left you with our garbage. Eggs on your stupid giant windows, rotten tomatoes all over your door and porch, and remnants of our chamber pots in the form of toilet paper all over your trees.

The Ghosts of Christmas Past gave Scrooge a second chance, but the Ghosts of Devil's Night and Halloween do not. [This slumlord] will know no comfort until he abandons his properties and makes reparations for his crimes...We do not need them. Until they are thrown off and everything they have stolen has been reclaimed... Every night can be Devil's Night.

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— It's Going Down (@igd.bsky.social) 2024-11-17T05:29:03.370Z

this effort poses one more obstacle." Indigenous people are also currently fighting the project in a variety of ways.

In Cleveland, OH, around 100 people rallied outside of a jail in support of several people arrested for supposedly writing graffiti slogans in support of Palestine on a college campus. Also in Claremont, CA, over 100 people rallied in support of students being targeted for repression over ongoing actions in support of the anti-war struggle.

Hundreds protested in solidarity with Palestine at UT Austin against an appearance by former Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett. In 2013, Bennett claimed, "I have killed lots of Arabs in my life, and there is no problem with that."

In antifascist news, a small protest was held outside of the yearly white supremacist 'American Renaissance' conference in Tennessee.

The community was able to surround and force the people at table to leave, while filling the air with chants of solidarity and love. Drowning out their mic and speaker. We saw many people along the outskirts of this crowd breaking in to tears as they felt the community stand together.

— SpicyCapybara (@spiccycapybara.bsky.social) 2024-11-20T18:02:53.304Z

In Albuquerque, NM, hundreds mobilized in support of the LGBTQ+ community and against proposed book bans by gender fascists. Demonstrators also rallied against attempts by MAGA grifters to speak before the local school board. A post to BlueSky reported, "The community was able to surround and force [some of the gender fascists rallying outside] to leave, while filling the air with chants of solidarity and love. Drowning out their mic and speaker. We saw many people along the outskirts of this crowd breaking in to tears as they felt the [power of the] community stand together."

Hundreds rallied at Penn State against a "Pray the Gay Away" event by washed-up white

supremacist Milo Yiannopoulos, best known for promoting white nationalism at Breitbart before being fired for endorsing pedophilia and working with neo-Nazi Nick Fuentes.

In Columbus, OH, a group of neo-Nazis attempted to hold a small march with swastika flags, but quickly found themselves attacked by members of the community. While stopped by local law enforcement, white supremacists told police that "people pulled guns on them and threw cans and vegetables as they marched..." and they were also covered in pepper-spray by angry locals. The next day, a "...group of Black men organized a counter-march."

Students at Lafayette, LA, organized a demonstration against gender fascists with Turning Point USA, who held an event attacking trans people on Trans Day of Remembrance.

More than 200 police in riot gear, on bikes, and on horseback were mobilized to defend the metal festival Messe des Morts tonight on Monk Boulevard. Around 150 counter-protesters still made their presence known, and two Nazi bands were struck from the lineup after being blocked at the border. (1/3)

— Clash Montréal (@clashmtl.bsky.social) 2024-11-30T03:28:36.704Z

In Montreal, antifascists held a large march and demonstration against a metal festival scheduled to feature several acts connected to the far-Right and neo-Nazi groups.

Antifascist researchers have also released doxes and exposés on neo-Nazis in North Carolina, members of the Goyim Defense League, and the now defunct National Justice Party (NJP).

Anarchists reclaimed Montreal last night to resist NATO and the Palestinian genocide#palestine #gaza #freepalestine #escalate4gaza

— Euphoric Autonomy (@euphoricautonomy.bsky.social) 2024-11-23T18:55:25.353Z

Things are still hot on campus, as the student intifada keeps the pressure on university administrators to divest from Israeli apartheid. In Montreal, thousands of students took part in massive coordinated strikes demanding divestment as student strikers marched through the Concordia campus, picketing and briefly occupying buildings. The next day, a mass march took place against a NATO summit, as a large black bloc broke out windows at the event center holding the summit, as demonstrators clashed with authorities. A communiqué from the black bloc wrote:

The military interventions supported by NATO protect governments aligned with American interests and crush any alternative, keeping the global south under capitalist constraints. NATO's alliance with the zionist entity is ideologically coherent, as a colonial enterprise, but Israel also provides technologies of control and weapons that NATO states use throughout the world, in their imperialist missions and on their own populations.

Our actions have had a symbolic and material impact: they have imposed costs financially, have disrupted and disturbed, have propagated our ideals and made visible this very legitimate and necessary struggle.

The media will focus on our violence, they will manipulate our messages, our messages confronting the atrocities perpetrated by Israel and NATO - responsible for millions of deaths. So it is crucial to say again that it is the brutality of the oppressive structures governing us that we fight, that the worst violence is the State's...

Back in New York, students on the CUNY campus took over a floor used by administrators, naming it "Fatima's Floor," demanding divestment from the school. Students at the nearby Sarah Lawrence College also engaged in a sit-in and building takeover, dropping banners and demanding divestment. Students then set up an encampment outside the building

In Rojava, multiethnic militias including anarchist volunteers from around the world did most of the fighting and dying in the struggle against the Islamic State. Now the international community is preparing to look away while they are massacred.

We must not let this happen. As in 2019—the last time Turkey mounted a major offensive against Rojava—solidarity actions are urgently needed.

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The fall of Bashar Al-Assad shows that no amount of force can freeze history forever. Every autocratic regime will fall.

But will they be succeeded by other authoritarian regimes? That will be determined by how they fall.

This is the reason to build multiethnic, horizontal revolutionary movements that can play a role in the changes ahead.

The more that ordinary Syrians from all backgrounds and walks of life participate in the next phase of the revolution—the less that it is dictated by money, weapons, and agendas outside of Syria—the less bloody it will likely be.

As the millions of refugees who were forced to flee Syria make their way home, we hope that they will play a part in this.

Tonight, we give thanks for every soldier who deserted rather than fighting for a dictator. May their refusals inspire others, in turn, not to kill or die for things that are unworthy of humanity.

Burn every prison.

Topple every oppressor.

Some background on the situation:

<https://crimethinc.com/Syria2024>



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On December 6, 2008, in the neighborhood of Exarchia, police in Athens, Greece murdered a 15-year-old anarchist named Alexandros Grigoropoulos.

In response, rebellious young people rose in revolt, organizing countrywide riots and occupations that lasted for weeks.

In this interview, conducted a couple weeks into the insurrection, participants describe what made the uprising possible.

<https://crimethinc.com/organizeanins>

"You have to be crazy and enthusiastic, to feel that you can do incredible things—you have to be ready to give your life, your time, your years in a struggle that will never end. It is healthy not to have expectations, because then you don't get disappointed. You don't expect to win. You are used to appearing, fighting, and then disappearing again; you know how to become invisible as a person and visible as collective power; you know that you are not the center of the universe, but that any time you can become the center of your society."



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Assad's control over Syria is crumbling.

Four days ago, we presented perspectives on the situation from two different vantage points—exiles from Western Syria and volunteers in Rojava.

Today, we offer an update from anarchists located in Northeastern Syria:

<https://crimethinc.com/2024/12/02/the-civil-war-resumes-perspectives-on-the-conflict-from-western-and-northeastern-syria#update-december-6-2024>



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Donald Trump wouldn't be the incoming president if not for the billionaire supervillain who spent \$44



<https://crimethinc.com/TurkishFascism>



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One way to prepare for the second Trump era is to organize a screening of "Fell in Love with Fire," a feature-length documentary about the popular uprising that swept Chile in 2019.

It explores how demonstrators took control of the streets while remaining leaderless.

<https://crimethinc.com/fellinlovewithfir>



Healthcare is not the only industry in which profit-driven capitalism has introduced artificial scarcity and cold-blooded bureaucracy, enabling a few billionaires to make a killing at everyone else's expense.

If we pan back, we can see that capitalism has had the same results in practically every sphere of our lives.

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Participants in CrimethInc. projects are collaborating with veterans of other anarchist media platforms on a new podcast, *The Beautiful Idea*, which will offer reporting and analysis of current events.

The first episode has just been released. You can listen to it here:

<https://thebeautifulidea.show/>

Today is the thirteenth day of the twelfth month of the year—13/12, or ACAB day.

Regardless of whether all police officers are the offspring of unwedded parents, all of them serve as mercenaries imposing a social order in which a few people control a vast amount of resources while others must struggle just to survive.

Selling your capacity to do violence to the highest bidder is fundamentally unethical. It is dangerous to all. Every police officer is a single command away from becoming a murderer.

<https://crimethinc.com/cops>



As Turkish proxy forces prepare to invade northeastern Syria in order to carry out ethnic cleansing targeting the Kurdish population, it's important to understand the roots of Turkish fascism.



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"The revolt in Georgia points to a horizon beyond the choice between Europe and Russia, expressing a growing social anger at both the local authoritarian regime and the grip of foreign economic powers upon the Caucasus in general.

"Contrary to the dominant media discourse, this popular mobilization is not simply a demand for Georgia to be integrated into the European Union. From a distance, it may seem reminiscent of the 2014 Maidan revolution in Ukraine, but to grasp the deep tumult that this particular struggle represents, we need to look closer."

<https://crimethinc.com/GeorgiaRevolt>

Following up our earlier coverage of the protests in Georgia, we present this analysis from within.



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Although Assad has fallen, the tragedies in Syria continue. The Syrian National Army, a Turkish proxy force, has captured the city of Manbij and aims to storm Kobane next.

Turkey intends to conquer all Rojava and carry out ethnic cleansing there.

In 2014, with the tacit support of the Turkish government, the Islamic State took over most of northern Syria, carrying out massacres as they gained ground. In the town of Kobane, locals managed to halt their advance only a few miles from the Turkish border.

Now, Kobane is at risk once again.

to continue the protest.

They filled the lobby before marching to every floor, disrupting classes. Behind them, boarded up windows can be seen. These were smashed during a demo in late September that reportedly caused \$600,000 in damages to the university, which has refused to divest from Israeli apartheid and genocide.

— Clash Montréal (@clashmtl.bsky.social) 2024-11-21T22:09:45.864Z

The 13th hunger strike this year has kicked off at the NorthWest Detention Center in Tacoma, WA, according to [La Resistencia](#). According to the group, [40 people are taking part](#). Prisoners are demanding an end to solitary confinement, better food and conditions, and for ICE to end its contract with the GEO Group.

In tenant news, a rent strike in Missouri has [continued into its third month](#), with residents vowing to not back down until their demands are met, "including a rent cap among other priorities."

Meanwhile in [Sweetwater, FL](#), [residents of a mobile-home community](#) are taking in the streets in protest against a looming threat of eviction. In this episode, we present an audio report on the struggle from a member of the [Black Rose Anarchist Federation](#).

In mid-November, thousands of residents at the Li'l Abner Mobile Home Park near Miami suddenly received eviction notices. Read about how they're choosing to organize and fight to stay in their homes. 

— Black Rose / Rosa Negra (@blackrosesrosanegra.bsky.social) 2024-12-07T03:52:43.405Z

Since this report was recorded, tension ignited again after police violently arrested one woman who was protesting as [homes were being destroyed](#). Check out a longer report and info on ways to support the struggle, [here](#).

In the bay area, [75 people converged at Travis Air Force](#)

Base," shutting down the entrance to the base with a blockade "...[in an effort to] block the weapons supply chain, from Travis to Israel, of US bombs and military supplies that aid in the ongoing horrors of genocide." Close to 30 people were arrested.

Lastly, in Philadelphia, a [communiqué claimed credit for flooding a home](#) belonging to the CEO of Ghost Robotics, which "develops robot dogs that are used in occupied Palestine and [along] the US/Mexico border." Another anonymous report claimed [responsibility for writing graffiti slogans](#) on the home of a University of Michigan police officer involved in repressing student protests against the ongoing genocide in Gaza.

A few updates to put on your radar:

- A new anarchist publication, *In Tension* has been released. Check out the [first issue here](#).
- *Unoffensive Animal* is selling swag to support the two people accused of freeing mink in Pennsylvania. Check out new [shirts and prints here](#).
- George Floyd rebellion prisoner Malik Muhammad, who [recently came off a hunger strike](#), is looking for commissary donations this holiday season. Go [here](#) for more info and check out [azine of Malik's writings here](#). [The Interceptor](#) has a new article up about Malik's case and how he has been placed in solitary confinement for more than 250 days. The Civil Liberties Defense Center (CLDC) also has an update on their fight to support Malik, [which you can read here](#).
- CrimethInc. has published several new zines, including *Strategizing to Stop Mass Deportations*, which can be [viewed and printed here](#).

## Upcoming Events

- December 31st: New Year's Eve Noise Demonstrations. [More info here](#).
- 1. Asheville, NC: [More info here](#).
- 2. Chicago, IL: [More info here](#).

3. Brooklyn, NY: [More info here](#).

4. Montreal, QC: [More info here](#).

- February 1st: Austin Anarchist Bookfair. Austin, TX. [More info here](#).
- February 28th - March 2nd: Florida Abolitionist Gathering. Gainesville, FL. [More info here](#).
- May 15th - 21st: Constellation Anarchist Festival. Montreal, QC. [More info here](#).

Finally, a call has been circulating for "festivals of resistance" the week before Trump takes office. Here's an audio version of the call.

## I Hope That People Are Hungry

On Wednesday, December 4th, Brian Thompson, the CEO of United Healthcare was shot dead by a masked assassin, as he walked into an investor meeting at a Hilton hotel in Manhattan, NY. While the motive at first remained unclear, writing on the bullet casings left behind at the scene read three words, "Deny, defend, depose," a reference to the systematic way in which major insurance companies deny coverage to those seeking medical care.

A recent [statement released by the press from a person arrested in connection](#) to the shooting makes these sentiments only even more clear:

Frankly, these parasites simply had it coming. A reminder: the US has the #1 most expensive healthcare system in the world, yet we rank roughly #42 in life expectancy.

It is not an issue of awareness at this point, but clearly power games at play. Evidently I am the first to face it with such brutal honesty.

As journalist [Taylor Lorenz](#) wrote:

When it comes to denying healthcare coverage, UnitedHealth stands above its competitors. The insurance company denies an average of 32% of claims, double the industry average. UnitedHealth

does this through [a] myriad [of] ways. In one instance, according to a recent lawsuit, it has used a deeply flawed AI algorithm that generates wildly inaccurate predictions in order to deny health coverage to severely ill patients by cutting the time they can spend in extended care. The AI system has a 90% error rate, and yet it remained in use. [One investigation] found that UnitedHealth pushed employees to follow an algorithm to cut off Medicare patients... Meanwhile, UnitedHealthcare made \$8.9 billion in profit through the first three quarters of this year alone.

Matthew Cortland went on to argue:

UnitedHealthcare makes its money by denying necessary care to people who need [it]. Brian Thompson was a mass murderer. He killed adults, he killed children. He murdered them with spreadsheets and contracts. He did it for money. Thompson was...a very well paid killer.

In response to the assassination of Thompson, there has been wide scale dejection and denouncement of the healthcare industry across social media - with many people on various platforms sharing their own horror stories about being denied coverage - along with mass indifference and even outright celebration in the wake of the murder of Thompson through memes, TikTok video, viral original songs, and shitposts.

Tech reporter Matt Novak of *Gizmodo* mused, "TikTok is pretty wild right now. I don't think the ruling class is prepared for the cultural shift that's happening this week. These aren't edgelords. There's a real shift in the way the average American is discussing this."

Meanwhile, a collection of both neoliberal and far-right gatekeepers, pundits, and grifters have attempted to wag their fingers at the working class, who gleefully cheer on the masked killer, correctly pointing out the mass hypocrisy of a system that systematically murders people for massive profit, yet expects us to shed a tear when a

CEO gets smoked.

The cultural phenomenon that has erupted following Thompson's murder; from a recent round of 'look-alike contests,' to thirst trap posts about how hot the shooter is, to the long screeds posted against healthcare in this capitalist hell-scape - points to the first collective eruption of working-class self-interest (albeit largely online) which has been able to manifest itself in a real way, in the wake of the election spectacle; which ironically was marked by the near total absence of discussion on health-care, apart from Harris going back on her 2020 call for universal coverage and the Republicans vowing to further slash social programs like medicaid and medicare and destroy the Affordable Care Act.

Like the viral celebrations which erupted after neo-Nazi Richard Spencer was punched in 2017 or the polls which showed that over 54% of Americans supported the burning of the 3rd precinct during the George Floyd uprising in 2020, the gleeful laughter and resignation following Thompson's death shows the chasm that exists between people's lived realities and that of the narratives produced by the technocrats in power and the media institutions they control.

But moreover, the elite rush to clutch their pearls over public sentiment following the assassination in Manhattan lays bare not only mass anger at inequality in this society and how violence is unevenly distributed in it, but moreover how it is unevenly mourned over. Millions are sacrificed on the altar of the capitalist economy, a reality that the pandemic made even more clear, yet we are supposed to shed tears for someone who made this slaughter possible and was enriched by it in the process?

To further illustrate this point, look at the reaction to the [recent stabbing of two migrant teenagers](#), one fatally, in New York City literally a night after the shooting in Manhattan. The two teens were attacked in a racist assault by someone who approached them and asked if they "spoke English." Predictably, this attack and murder

did not generate the same police mobilization or manhunt. Clearly, the life of a CEO shot by an angry assassin is worth more than that of a teenage migrant killed by a racist vigilante.

To add insult to injury, on the same day that a suspect was arrested in connection to Thompson's murder, Daniel Penny, 26, was found not guilty for the strangling to death a Black homeless man who was on a New York subway car. Here's a clip from Fox News, decrying the outpouring of support for the CEO shooter, while also uplifting those who called Penny, "a hero."

Meanwhile on the far-Right, interestingly enough, blowhards like Ben Shapiro and Matt Walsh are being dragged by their own fans, as their recent reaction videos complaining about how the "Revolutionary Left" is cheering on the CEO's murder, have been panned and mass down-voted on platforms like YouTube.

Thousands of comments are dunking on Shapiro. As one person stated, "Ben you're a millionaire, you aren't a "true blue collar conservative" you're a rich guy that tries to appeal to working class republicans. You don't understand what poor people go through." Another wrote, "Ben Shapiro is the CEO of his company so it makes sense that he might see a little of himself in the victim." These comments have thousands of likes.

This blow-back against the Right is interesting, and points to the reality that many people hold sentiments that run physically counter to whatever fixed partisan identity they might currently adhere to, or party they may vote for.

While I personally think it's silly, and even dangerous, to imagine the "Left and the Right" coming together around some vague notion of 'populism,' this is a moment that shows talking and relating to people on the wavelength of shared material conditions and lived experience is powerful. An anti-capitalist position makes sense. It is popular. We should be thinking about how we can deepen these contradictions and break off

about showing up for one another, dedicating time and energy, both when things are at their worst and when things are at their best. It is about carrying out those mundane tasks that nobody wants to do and that often go unnoticed."

<https://itsgoingdown.org/reflections-on-igd-mexico-anarchist-media-and-international-solidarity/>



Reflections on IGD Mexico, Anarchist Media, and International Solidarity  
Social struggles south of the border in so-called Mexico held a somewhat uncomfortable space on IGD. One obvious reason being the language b...

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Michael Whitworth Gantenbein, an active neo-Nazi and admirer of Adolf Hitler - and part of the violent White Lives Matter white supremacist network - is the head of Whit Industries, which has just secured a massive contract worth hundreds of thousands of dollars with the Port of Coos Bay.

Despite being exposed by antifascists and journalists, many in the business community are backing Gantenbein.

<https://www.investigatewest.org/investigations/reports/recording-reveal-oregon-port-contractor-praising-hitler-using-slurs-now-officials-face-a-quandary-17760033>

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Recordings reveal Oregon port contractor praising Hitler using slurs - now officials face a quandary  
Laws protecting free speech, along with challenging economic circumstances, make it difficult to cut ties

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"In the last year however, we've come up against the wall of decreasing capacity to continue running this project on a consistent basis. With the coming to power of another Trump administration, we think it's important for us to announce

that we are taking a hiatus from working on this platform, with the hopes that other projects can find their footing."

We are on hiatus from running IGD as a large platform, but here's some important updates:

 We still have some podcasts and reflection pieces to get up on the site.

 Be sure to follow and check out the new podcast [@thebeautifulidea](#) for anarchist analysis, interviews with local organizers, upcoming events, and action roundups. Please follow this account and help grow its reach.

 This Kolektiva account - along with our Blue Sky - will remain active, posting news, updates, events, and helping to boost other projects.

 Starting in 2025, our columns 'In Contempt' and 'This Week in Fascism' will be coming out on the [@CrimethInc](#) platform.

Stay tuned!

<https://itsgoingdown.org/on-hiatus-a-statement-from-the-editors/>



On Hiatus: A Statement from the Editors  
10 years ago a group of people set out to create a new media platform to document and give voice to autonomous social movements happening ac...

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We invite you to join in organizing festivals of resistance on the weekend of January 18, immediately before Donald Trump takes office.

<https://crimethinc.com/festivalsofresistance>

By organizing ahead of Trump's inauguration, we can seize the initiative and set our own timeline rather than being caught flat-footed and forced to react. We need to welcome new participants into these struggles and foster a revolutionary perspective that can orient us through the challenges ahead.



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News from the Front: The Reflections of a Russian Anarchist in Rojava

A Russian anarchist volunteer speaks on the collapse of the Assad regime, the future of Russia, and the looming threat of a Turkish-backed invasion of northeastern Syria.

<https://crimethinc.com/Rojava2024>

"I watched with special feeling as the Russian columns passed by me at one of the positions. I peered into the faces of the soldiers, trying to understand whether they realized that all these years, they had been terrorizing the population with bombings, they had surrendered Afrin to the Turkish army, they had kept Assad's regime alive—and now all this is over. Russian military aid to the Syrian dictatorship has ended. I do not think that those soldiers realized that they were looking into the eyes of a man from the same country as themselves, but who chose the other side of the barricades."



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There's no cause to panic.

But if at some point you might want to have access to some of our books or other materials, it might be a good idea to order print copies in the next few weeks.

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One never can be sure what the future might hold.

There's also been a drop off in people from autonomous movements attempting to have a wider conversation with the rest of society - but if recent events are any indication, people are angry and fed up. If we don't speak to them, someone else will.

As people that both make and consume a lot of media, let's think about how to fill these voids.



Today in #Austin, #Texas, a group of "Luigis" rallied against corporate healthcare in solidarity with Briana Boston with a banner reading "Deny, Defend, Depose: Greed Kills, passing out flyers and posing for photos with passersby.

Text from flyer handed out by "Luigis" in Austin, TX:

"On December 4th, UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson was gunned down. The bullet casings told the story: this was act of vengeance against UnitedHealthCare, who denies over 30% of health insurance claims—a company emblematic of a system that kills. Every year, over 50,000 Americans die from lack of insurance. 38% percent of us avoid necessary care because we're scared of the cost. One in twelve is drowning in medical debt. Health insurance companies aren't doctors. They don't heal—they profit by restricting access to care. While we ration medications, delay appointments, and worry about bills, they rake in billions. We get sicker and they get richer. This violence isn't on the evening news. It's buried beneath their marketing, their endless paperwork, their fine print. But make no mistake: this is violence. And they're laughing all the way to the bank. Blue Cross Blue Shield, Texas's largest insurer, denies one in five claims while pocketing \$18 billion in revenue. Whether Thompson's death filled you with joy or horror, it ripped the mask off. The truth was laid bare: these companies are complicit in widespread suffering. Think about the last time you or someone you love worried about a medical bill. Put off care because of the cost. Cut pills in half to make them last. You've felt the violence they inflict. Now, the media and government scramble to spin the narrative, calling working-class mother Briana Boston a "terrorist" for uttering "Deny, Defend, Depose" when her claims were denied. We must remain clear headed: a small group gets rich off our illness. The solution is just as

simple: abolish these corporations and nationalize health insurance. Single-payer healthcare works everywhere else in the developed world, where people live longer and healthier lives. Texans, by contrast, die three years younger, victims of private healthcare. The only question left is this: When will we stop waiting and take what is ours?"

#DenyDefendDepose #Luigi #LuigiMangione #Healthcare



People in #Indianapolis, IN held a demonstration in front of Elevance Health yesterday. Holding a banner reading, "Deny, Defend, Depose, Healthcare 4 All."

"Today, we protest against Elevance Health not in its role as a distinct actor in the health insurance market, a single agent in the hall of mirrors of contemporary capitalism. Elevance operates in just the same manner as UHC in the way it ranks bodies and judges some to be worthy of care and the rest simply not worth the time or effort. In this manner the only difference between the two is a matter of degrees in subdomains. We believe it is necessary to oppose this system of broad ranking of life expectancies in an age of depreciating life expectations. It is necessary as a precondition to a life worth living.

We believe that everyone is worthy of care. We believe that everyone deserves access to a healthy life according to their own standards. Both Elevance and UHC stand as barriers to this possibility. This is why we oppose them."

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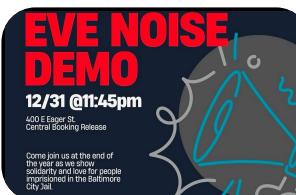
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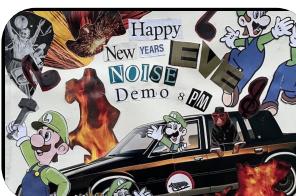
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"Solidarity has many expressions. One of them is about building long term relationships of mutual aid, support, trust, and confidence. It is

working-class people who voted for Trump in the hopes he would improve their lives, along with people who thought that the Democrats would be a bulwark against attacks by the GOP, and bring them into social movements that are in conflict with capitalism.

This moment also gives us an opportunity to ask exactly how and why people end up supporting politicians and billionaires which are pushing through the very policies which allow corporations like United Healthcare to exist with impunity. How anti-Blackness, white supremacy, and transphobia all are weaponized in an attempt to sell white workers (and beyond) the bedtime story that they have more in common with the elites than they do other poor and working people.

As the holidays approach, and Trump continues to stack his cabinet with billionaires intent on looting the country, slashing taxes on the wealthy, deregulating corporations, and gutting basic safety net programs, it will be interesting to see how this "Eat the Rich" sentiment continues to evolve. I hope that people are hungry.

## Supporters of Stop Cop City Defendants Launch New "Community is Not a Crime" Campaign

For more information on the struggle against Cop City, [go here](#).

- On Instagram, follow [@CommunityIsNotACrime](#)
- For more information on how to support Jack, go to: [freejack.co](#)
- Follow RICO trial updates at: [@ACPCLive](#) [@FireAntDefense](#) [@TheATLSolFund](#)

## Looking Back on 25 Years Since the "Battle in Seattle"

For more history on the mass mobilization against corporate globalization and the World Trade

Organization (WTO) in Seattle, WA in 1999, check out [this collection from CrimethInc here](#) and the film [Breaking the Spell](#).

## Thanks for Listening!

Thanks for listening to today's episode of *The Beautiful Idea*, news and analysis from the front-lines of anarchist and autonomous struggles everywhere. Catch you next time.

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## No Security in Repression: Policing Collective Action for Justice at Concordia and Beyond

December 15, 2024

Announcing a new publication on resistance to repression in so-called Montreal. [Read and print PDF here](#).

*No Security in Repression* is a zine coming out of Tiohtià:ke (Montréal), at Concordia University highlighting different perspectives and experiences facing repression from the university and police for political organizing and agitation on campus.

There is a particular focus on the ways that Palestine solidarity work has been attacked, as students are facing draconian administrative tribunals right now. This zine is a window into a local situation at Concordia University in Montreal but is clearly part of a larger reality of repression toward student activism that has been taking place globally. A community publication like this gives an unfiltered and multifaceted take from the grassroots.



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Although the zine is not solely coming from an anarchist perspective, several of the contributors take an openly and explicitly anarchist stance that we feel might be appreciated by the *It's Going Down* community.

Question or comments, get in touch at [nosecurityinrepression@protonmail.com](mailto:nosecurityinrepression@protonmail.com)

## Announcing the Return of Constellation: An Anarchist Festival in Montreal

December 15, 2024

Announcing the return of the Constellation anarchist festival in so-called Montreal. More [info on Constellation here](#).

This year felt like an immense success to us. In a little under 2 months, many groups and individuals came together with creative discussions, parties, workshops, film screenings, and more. These events were held at the many anarchist spaces around the city, bringing people together and creating the connections that make our movements so vibrant.



In 2025, we'll expand CONSTELLATION to 7 days, from Thursday May 15th to Wednesday May 21st. We've reserved CEDA for Saturday and Sunday to host a bookfair, workshops, and more. We're also bringing back the online submission calendar so you can organize your own events as part of the festival.

What would you like to do next year? Whether you live in Montréal or elsewhere, we invite you to dream up what CONSTELLATION 2025 could look like. We can't wait to see what we come up with together next year!

## Resisting the Upcoming Trump/MAGA Mass Deportations: Interview with Silky Shah

December 7, 2024

**No Borders Media** speaks with Silky Shah of the Detention Watch Network about the threat of mass deportations under the second Trump administration.

On this episode of *No Borders Media* (December 2024), we are continuing our ongoing series about resistance to Trump and MAGA, and launching an overlapping new series looking at resisting the mass deportations that Trump and his officials have

promised, and have already begun organizing, in advance of the inauguration on January 20, 2025.

This episode is a feature-length interview with Silky Shah, the executive director of the Detention Watch Network, and the author of the recently published book, *Unbuild Walls: Why Immigrant Justice Needs Abolition*. She has worked as an organizer on issues related to immigration detention, the prison-industrial complex, and racial and migrant justice for over 20 years. Silky was born and raised in Houston, Texas, and speaks to No Borders Media via Washington state.

This interview looks at how we've arrived at the current surreal and nightmarish moment, on the cusp of mass deportations on a scale never seen before, yet a moment crucially built up by both Democratic and Republican administrations in the past 30 years. While analyzing what has brought us here, this interview also emphasizes potential paths of resistance, rooted in inspiring migrant justice moments and movements of the past few decades.

### Background:

- Preparing for the Worst (October 17, 2024): [inqvest.org/preparing-for-the-worst/](https://inqvest.org/preparing-for-the-worst/)
- Trump 2.0 Poses an Even Bigger Threat to Migrants. Here's How We Fight Back (November 10, 2024): [truthout.org/articles/trump-2-0...how-we-fight-back/](https://truthout.org/articles/trump-2-0...how-we-fight-back/)

### Show Notes:

- Interview recorded on December 2, 2024.
- An edited version of this show aired on CKUT 90.3FM in Montreal on December 4, 2024.
- Show uploaded onto SoundCloud on December 5, 2024.
- Music: "Deportees" by Outerational (featuring Tom Morello); cover of "Deportee (Plane Wreck at Los Gatos)" by Woody Guthrie & Martin Hoffman.
- Accompanying image by Kevin Caplicki (JustSeeds).
- Produced by Jaggi Singh for No Borders Media.

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## "This is worse than Cuba": Thousands of Mobile Home Residents in Miami Fight Eviction by Affordable Housing Developer

December 7, 2024

Report from the Black Rose Anarchist Federation about an unfolding tenant struggle in the Miami suburb of Sweetwater, FL.

By Adam Weaver, Robin Young, and Juan Veralia Luz

*Members of the Miami Local of Black Rose Anarchist Federation/Federación Anarquista Rosa Negra have been supporting the Li'l Abner Mobile Home Park residents' struggle against CREI Holdings. In this report, they document the situation residents face, the business and political elites who are causing it, and some next steps to stop the evictions.*

## A Swelling Struggle in Suburban Sweetwater

No Borders Media is part of the CKUT Community News Collective's Off The Hour. We're

**critique of capitalism and the state.** We must be prepared to welcome these newcomers with open arms, patience, and kindness.

Rejecting both paternalism and structurelessness, our movements have to be places that educate and arm people with the tools to fight effectively, while also maintaining truly democratic and bottom up structures.

We're not building exclusive activist clubhouses, we're building combative mass movements that can fight back and win. Movements and movement organizations that are truly welcoming, democratic, and led by the rank-and-file have the potential to...

## 4. Put the Hurt On

Days of action reinforce that we're not alone in our outrage. But protest leaders rarely direct that righteous anger against the people and institutions that play crucial roles in supporting or carrying out repressive policies.

Amidst Trump's first term, movements learned to focus collective pressure. For example, targeting airports with mass shutdowns and welcoming parties for migrants stymied his first attempt at a Muslim ban. Later, thousands set up encampments outside Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facilities to demand an end to the administration's vicious kids-in-cages and child separation policies.

To counter the repressive policies of the incoming administration, we must identify strategic targets and force them to reckon with our collective strength.

Still, while protest marches or even prolonged actions might disrupt the normal function of society for a short period, organization in everyday sites of struggle—our workplaces, neighborhoods, and schools—can create deeper, more prolonged disruptions that really put the hurt on. We saw examples of this too during the first Trump term, where some experimented with neighborhood assembly models that had success in

protecting migrants by disrupting the activity of ICE.

socialism.

If you're engaged in organizing to build power, [reach out to us](#).

Included here are a collection of articles, audio pieces, and other resources that provide what we are calling "on-ramps" to organizing.



#NYE noise demo announced in #Atlanta, GA.



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Thanks to everyone's kind words. We do appreciate it.

A reminder: we are not dying, fading into the dark night, or doing a full-stop on media work.

We will continue to run this account and work on a variety of media projects, however at the current moment, we aren't able to do IGD as a web based platform and podcast at the same rate as we have in the past, and we feel like we owe it to folks to give you all a heads up about that.

The media landscape for autonomous anti-capitalist and anti-colonial projects has really shifted in the last few years, with people doing less 'report-back' style journalism and more just posting onto social media.

This reality requires people willing to slog through the swamp so to speak to bring the rest of us a report on what's going on and also reaching out to organizers on the front-lines for interviews, etc. We feel like IGD helped do this well, but it is very time consuming. We also feel the shift from reporting and having space for movement dialog and talking about social struggles and critiquing our lived realities has been replaced with more 'reaction' style content generation - which is a mixed bag.

could I easily donate that would have an exponential effect and allow me to meet and organize with friends and neighbors in my community? Rather than a personal responsibility or charity, fundraising becomes a way of building deeper networks of care and connection.

19. Engage in play with others as a gateway to imagining other worlds and experimenting with getting there while cultivating camaraderie and goodwill. Hold game nights. Invent your own versions of group “sports” such as capture the flag, tag, and soccer, and gather folks in a park to make riotously merry. Self-organize a queer Purim spiel or other DIY theatrics, and simply be silly (and/or use your performances to make fun of the social order and dream up ways it might tumble). Add playfulness to your banners, events, organizing, and actions.

20. Slow down. Heed Jewish wisdom: days and hours of rest are sacred. Heed disabled wisdom: your work is completely irrelevant to your worth! Your ancestors began weaving unfucked social fabrics and burning down fucked-up ones before you were a glimmer in their eye. Descendants to come will be weaving and unfucking and burning still. What can we even weave with only weak threads connecting us? Trust takes years. Any faster, and conflict rends our fabric like kri’ah, the Jewish ritual act of tearing cloth in mourning. So come fascism or liberation: weave slow, take sabbaticals, feast on kugel, and sing with your comrades down by the river.

*This zine is a communal effort, with advice gleaned from the following Jewish anarchists: alice, asher, cat, chanaleh, cindy, cindy barukh, hannah, jhaavo, lilli, mazel, scarab, simcha, and vicky.*

## Don’t Panic, Organize: Meeting the Moment of Trump’s Second Term

November 21, 2024

**Black Rose Anarchist Federation maps out ideas for community organizing in the current moment.**

*Donald Trump has once again ascended to the Presidency. Below we lay out our recommendations for how to respond.*

## 1. No Choice But to Fight

The “choice” of this election, like all elections, presented us with no choice at all: one program of open reaction and the other friendly-faced genocide. Still, a Trump victory was far from inevitable.

Presented with an opportunity to overhaul their platform, the Democratic Party instead swapped one stand-in for another without any significant change in position. This was most glaring in Biden and later Harris’s willingness to sacrifice the votes of Muslim and Arab Americans by refusing to even slow—let alone stop—US facilitation of Israel’s genocidal wars in Gaza and Lebanon.

But other factors prevailed too, including the Democrats’ failure to articulate anything resembling a plan to address compounding crises around profit hungry price-gouging, the cost of living, housing, bodily autonomy, or healthcare.

It is impossible now to argue that Trump is an aberration. He is as American as apple pie, a product of the system of domination that structures our society. If we are to confront a second Trump administration, we must also confront this system of domination—a task that will require organization, bravery, and commitment.

So here we are. While you might be feeling fear, anger, and despair right now, it’s not a time to back down. It’s time to step up.

## 2. Hit the Streets

Mass demonstrations and protests play an important role in lifting spirits, creating a sense of shared purpose, and publicly displaying

the potential power of organized movements. They are especially important in the moments immediately after a crisis or major event—like the one we’re living through right now.

**But demonstrations won’t be enough.** For decades we have seen the limits of mass protest marches. While symbolically powerful, they fail to create the kind of leverage needed to dramatically shift the course of events. To create this leverage we have to...

## 3. Get Organized

Bring the energy from the streets back home by getting organized and building power in everyday institutions of social life. This might mean organizing a union at work, a tenant union at your apartment complex, an assembly in your neighborhood, or a student organization at school.

In places where these organizations already exist, our task is to build rank-and-file capacity to lead from below and turn them into effective fighting organizations.

Don’t get us wrong, none of these things are simple or easy to do—that’s the point!

If we want to create real material leverage that can meet the moment, fight back the worst of what Trump has planned, defend ourselves, and ultimately transform society from the bottom up, **we have to build durable organizations that can exert popular power in the places where we work, live, or study.**

For pointers on where and how to get started with organizing to build power, check out our “on-ramps” for organizing at the bottom of this article. We need to get organized so we can...

## 4. Grow Our Movements

As we saw with the first Trump term, millions of people will now be looking for places to channel their frustration—**many are going to be open to developing a systemic**

A new fight over housing has erupted in the Miami suburb of Sweetwater, culminating in local police tackling and arresting an elderly resident leader. On November 13th thousands of residents living in the massive 900 unit Li’l Abner Mobile Home Park received a [surprise notice](#) taped to their doors, on top of garbage bins, and strewn around in dark puddles on the property, announcing they had only months until they would be displaced from their homes. Those who were aware and could understand these notices quickly spread awareness to those who didn’t or couldn’t, as soon residents will have nowhere to go.

Rental prices in Miami-Dade County have [skyrocketed](#) by 58% over the past five years and the average rent for a two-bedroom apartment is now over \$3,300 per month according to [Rent.com](#). The population of the park is almost entirely multi-generational, working-class Latino immigrants, with a significant number of them being elderly and disabled residents living on fixed incomes who find the park to be one of the few affordable options left in the region.

Residents in Sweetwater, #Florida held a rally to protest the brutal arrest of a tenant by police, who are trying to crackdown on residents holding non-stop protests against the mast eviction and destruction of 900 homes to make way for a major development project.

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As typical with mobile home parks, Li’l Abner residents own the units they live in and pay rent on the land they occupy, so relocation is possible but at a high cost. The notice offered residents \$14,000 - or just 10% of the [median home's listing price](#) - if they leave by January 31st, which then reduces to \$7,000 if they move by March 31st and finally the legal required minimum of \$3,000 if they move by April 30th. This notice was largely perceived to be a slap in the face by residents, giving them only 80 days to spend their entire lives,

after many spent hundreds of thousands of dollars towards their homes and decades leasing in the park.

The newly formed residents’ board is demanding \$50,000 to move and two years to do so, because otherwise, whether residents recently bought into the park or spent decades paying off a mortgage, their homes and their investments therein will be wiped away. One example reported by the [Miami Herald](#) is resident Hamilton Dos Santos who liquidated his life savings, including his 401(k), to purchase a four-bedroom unit for \$160,000 only four months ago. “It’s a completely lost investment,” he says.

## Who are the Chief Eviction Officers?

Eviction orders came signed by [The Urban Group](#), a firm that specializes in helping developers displace their tenants. However, the real holder of the reins at Li’l Abner Mobile Home Park lies with [CREI Holdings](#), owned by Miami businessman Raul F. Rodriguez. If Rodriguez gets his way, an eight-story apartment complex with 328 units known as Li’l Abner III will replace the land’s 900 mobile homes. Given that many tenants have added rooms onto their homes, such redevelopment would cut the available number of units by more than two-thirds. Despite marketing the project as “affordable and workforce housing,” only 40% of the units would be reserved for tenants who make 80% of the area median income. Meanwhile, Rodriguez lives comfortably in a 6,000 square foot, five-bedroom home in Sweetwater Estates, just two miles shy from his current tenants. His cynical cash-grab puts to shame his efforts to cultivate an [image](#) as a humanitarian community investor from humble beginnings.

Rodriguez’s father, Raul Sr., amassed a small fortune as a Cuban [businessman](#) who established the Corvet chain of appliance and television stores in Venezuela. In the mid-1960s, Raul Sr. relocated to Miami, where he built a speculative real estate empire. These investments then financed Raul Jr.’s schooling at the elite Belen Jesuit Preparatory Academy, where Raul Sr.’s and his wife Nidia’s donations were so generous that the school named its [science pavilion](#) and a multimedia center after the couple. The couple was later posthumously inducted into Belen’s [Hall of Fame](#) in 2024.

Since inheriting his family’s wealth, Raul F. Rodriguez has pursued accumulating more of it through a network of investments and business ownership. Rodriguez has swelled his coffers as a Managing Partner at [Fuentes Consulting Group](#), a one-time investor in the regional [Segafredo](#) restaurant chains, and former proprietor of the private investment firm [Agua Dulce Investments](#). Besides [CREI Holdings](#), Rodriguez has shielded his property investments under numerous limited-liability corporations, including Rayni [Investments](#) and [Properties](#) (both inactive) and [Luar Entertainment](#) (inactive) and [Luar Investments](#) (currently Managing Partner). He founded and is currently President/CEO of [National Health Transport](#), a Miami based medical transport provider.

Rodriguez has also put key politicians in his deep pockets. During Juan Carlos “JC” Bermudez’s 2022 campaign for Miami-Dade Commission District 12, which represents the City of Sweetwater, Rodriguez’s Luar Investments was reported as one of the [largest contributors](#). Bermudez replaced José “Pepe” Díaz, who previously held the office from 2002 before terming out in 2023. Similar to Bermudez’s run, at least [eight different](#) corporate entities run by Raul Rodriguez, his family members, or close associates, contributed thousands to Díaz’s 2010 commissioner campaign. Although Díaz ran unopposed for the mayor of Sweetwater in 2023, Rodriguez [donated](#) to the campaign in similarly shady ways. Bermudez and Diaz as the respective Miami-Dade County Commissioner and Mayor of Sweetwater would be the key political stakeholders for moving forward Raul Rodriguez’s development ambitions.

Mayor Díaz claimed to be as surprised as the residents by the eviction notices, but has since been revealed to have sponsored a [2022 resolution](#) which allocated more than half a million dollars to CREI Holdings for the Li'l Abner redevelopment project. Even more, the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners committed up to an additional \$4,000,000 in Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant funding for the project in 2023. Despite HUD's stated mission to expand affordable housing, Li'l Abner III will displace far more individuals than the future project will house.

Adding insult to injury, Rodriguez prides himself on his honorary service to the Sweetwater Police Department, including his volunteer membership as a member of its SWAT team. His [service](#) comes replete with a badge, weapon, and uniform.

## Li'l Abner Residents Big Time Resistance

Residents of Li'l Abner Mobile Home Park have mobilized quickly against Rodriguez's eviction orders.

Furious at facing mass displacement, they immediately began staging daily protests at the park's street-side intersection under the slogan "Li'l Abner Se Defende, No Se Vende" or "Protect, Don't Sell, Li'l Abner." The Sweetwater Police Department of only 24 sworn officers regularly sends over half its force to these protests to intimidate residents. On multiple occasions, the Sweetwater police have verbally harassed protesters, threatened them with jaywalking tickets, called towing companies to remove their vehicles, cited residents who are simply driving by to stop and share a few words of support with their neighbors, and have pushed elderly protesters to the ground. At these actions, residents have been overheard proclaiming that the situation is "worse than Cuba" and that local politicians are paid off by developers, have abandoned them, and that local police do not treat them humanely.

According to Hernández, management reportedly shut down the conversation about these issues before calling the Sweetwater police to the office. A viral [video of the incident](#) showed an officer slamming Hernández into the ground and roughly handcuffing the 61-year-old, five-foot-five woman, [injuring](#) her face and neck. She was immediately charged and booked with disorderly conduct, trespassing and resisting an officer.

Mobile home residents in #Florida are being attacked by police for protesting their eviction and destruction of their homes to make way for new development. Billions of our taxes are going to fund mass displacement + war in #Gaza, while police here beat and evict. [www.cbsnews.com/miami/news/](http://www.cbsnews.com/miami/news/)

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Residents have also taken to [social media](#) to spread awareness as to their eviction and find allies in their struggle.

Throughout November, some residents believed that President Trump would heroically swoop in and stop the mass eviction. Others similarly believed that the mayor of Sweetwater would stop it once he became aware. Disillusioned by the obvious complicity of local politicians in their displacement, these residents have begun to resolve the inconsistencies in their usual politics by identifying landlords, developers, and the police as truer enemies to their livelihood than they'd previously assumed. Together with their neighbors, residents at Li'l Abner have turned to each other for a more honest dialogue that is focused on keeping everyone in their homes, as well as a strategy that fights to achieve that goal.

The campaign took a significant turn on the morning of December 4th. Resident Vivian Hernández, who has played a key role in leading protests and canvassing efforts, began to vocalize the concerns of park tenants against the [demolition](#) of their mobile homes to property management when she went to drop off her rent check.

The Sweetwater struggle exemplifies how suburban small business owners run their fiefdoms with political support and police suppression. Despite the odds stacked against them, Li'l Abner residents' resistance shows us that we can fight local elites' grips on our lives by fighting for control of where we live. Consolidating that control requires greater organization and widespread support, however.

Hernández's arrest "definitely wasn't an accident," says Will Suarez, who is one of many community supporters involved in the campaign. Will previously led an effort to unionize Starbucks workers in nearby Hialeah. He described the arrest as a complete injustice which left many residents traumatized and some crying. But he also says the incident has united the residents, who have shown a great deal of bravery in the face of the Sweetwater police's campaign of intimidation tactics.

Outraged over the arrest, over 100 residents and supporters massed outside Sweetwater City Hall later that evening to call for [Vivian's release](#). In response, Sweetwater police called a tow truck to impound residents' nearby cars. Enraged residents surrounded the trucks until they left, with one resident even using his vehicle to physically block access. All the while residents chanted phrases at the police like "Justicia Para Vivian" ("Justice for Vivian"), "No al Abuso Policial" ("No police abuse") "Vecinos Unidos Jamás Serán Vencidos" ("The Neighbors United Will Never Be Defeated"), and "Policia Singao" (a vulgar Cuban insult which is roughly equivalent to "motherf\*ker" but has grown recently in [political significance](#)). The crowd closed out the evening with a one-mile candlelight march back to the mobile home park.

## Next Steps: #LilAbnerLuchaSigue

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Li'l Abner residents are currently working to revitalize the existing homeowners association for the

everything we need and desire — everything for everyone, and what's more for free. Learn to be a medic, facilitator, birth and death doula, electrician, filmmaker, mediator, writer, researcher to dig up information for your local antifascist crews, and on and on. Learn how to stop bleeds, plant gardens, squat and/or build houses, purify water, craft zines, sew clothing, repair cars, use a chain saw, make composting toilets, or cook for crowds. Learn how to aid folks in finding refuge, calming their nervous systems, setting up digital security, getting hormones, and so much more.

9. Feel your emotions. Do not sublimate them. Feel them and remember that this connects us to everyone who has ever despaired. Feel them with others. Set up peer support networks, a weekend-long emotional care clinic or daylong emotional aid skills share, or something as simple as social spaces where you can find others, sip herbal tea, and reciprocally warm each others' hearts, even if temporarily.

10. Learn about and begin to practice alternative decision-making structures and group processes that have served those who got shit done in the past. Practice good processes that are cut from the cloth that the Zapatistas refer to as *buen gobierno* (good governance, or self-governance). Learn about Zapatista autonomous communities, Chérán, Rojava, and many other examples of self-governance, past and present, as inspiration as well as horizons to work toward.



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11. Gather and distribute free

N95/KN95 masks and COVID tests as a baseline toward building a more generalized harm reduction crew that can gather and distribute, for example, Naloxone, fentanyl test strips, clean needles, condoms, and lube. Normalize COVID, other health protections, and additional ways of taking reciprocal care of each other. Go to outdoor events (or mask up for indoor ones) to table and share pamphlets on collective COVID safety and harm reduction.

12. We have a long history of fighting fascism, states, and policing, including as embodied in a rich tradition of anti-authoritarian Jewish songs. Sing "Daloy Politsey/Polizei" (down with the police) at your next prison noise demo or Palestinian solidarity action. Start a study group and find inspiration in those stories—and then act on them. Join in fascist watches and cop watches, or start them in your neighborhood or city. Prepare forward for community self-defense, which can come in many shapes and sizes.

13. If you care for a child or children, work with one or many other caregivers to create a mutual aid group if there isn't one already! Distribute multilingual flyers at pickup and drop-off spots for school, day care, or local playgrounds in order to find other caregivers to involve. Plan weekly or biweekly meetups at whatever space kids usually hang out (such as a park), and share needs and resources.

14. Revive the concept and practice of kassi, the mutual aid funds/networks that used to keep neighbors afloat and supported in eastern European shtetls. Borrow from your own ancestral traditions/histories of mutual aid to build real-life community by strengthening relations with your neighbors and comrades for the days and years to come.

15. Take time to mourn your losses and grieve your dead—as inseparable from fighting and organizing for the living; as part and parcel of mending the world and ourselves. Set up temporary and ongoing public altars. Paint murals to honor lost friends and comrades.

Lean on the deep wisdom of grief rituals that have sustained life for millennia, such as saying Kaddish for the dead or doing shiva after a loss. Make rituals part of your resistance, queering and self-organizing them in collectivity with others. Take those rituals out into your community—by a river, on a street corner, at a DIY space or radical bookfair, during a forest defense or as a direct action.

16. Feed people for free. Look for a Food Not Bombs or Coffee Not Cops chapter or similar non-hierarchical mutual aid project near you, get in touch, and join in collecting ingredients for, cooking, and/or serving a meal. If there's nothing in your area, organize a free picnic; put up posters and encourage everybody to come—and optionally, bring a dish. Talking to the people you share the food with is important; do this if you can. Notice the moment when someone comes to understand that food can be good and free and shared without restrictions, obligations, eligibility criteria, or expectations; this means that things don't have to be the way they are.

17. If a friend or someone you know is having suicidal thoughts and reaches out to you, offer to drop everything and be present with them. Small acts of peer support can make an enormous difference; think of yourself as a "tourniquet" for them when they most need it. You can hold space for them, for instance; don't make it about you or act scared but instead simply allow them to share feelings, especially without fear of the cops being called. Or keep them company and help look after their basic needs that day. Or let friends and other people you trust know in advance that they can call you in these kinds of situations, and that you'll take a weapon away from them for as long as needed if they ask.

18. Organize a stoop or porch sale with a few other households, or even a regular stoop or porch sale, and use the funds to cover material needs for solidarity efforts, such as abortion or bail funds, or for gender-affirming surgery or aiding folks during a rent strike. Ask yourself: What time and materials

the work, but neither are you free to desist from it. —*Pirkei Avot* (2:21)

As Christofascism takes the reins of US power, thereby impacting the whole of this continent and the globe, it should be abundantly clear at this point that appealing to the state—any state—is a losing strategy. The world had already lost when the “choice” this November was between two versions of fascism.

We offer up this sampler of ideas, encouraging you to think and act for yourselves, with each other, as precisely the only winning strategy. If each idea here seems not enough on its own—well, it isn’t.

The Pirkei Avot quote, perhaps the most widely known and cited teaching from Jewish text, was penned some two thousand years ago. So many forms of despotism—empires, monarchies, and states—have risen and fallen in that time. We are not alone, as anarchists and Jews, in our ethical imperative to wrestle with every type of authority.

Ancestors throughout human history—people of all colors, genders, and cultures of this earth—have struggled together to resist the imposition of coercive, hierarchical violence. Crucially, people have autonomously organized, defended, and practiced myriad forms of mutual aid, collective care, and self-governance for millennia—what is often called “prefigurative politics.” They haven’t put off the worlds they want to see but instead have directly acted as if they were already free.

As diasporic rebels, our Jewishness teaches us to rely on solidarity beyond all borders. Our teachings compel us to lean on the community of others to live lives worth living, whether we are mourning or celebrating, or grappling time and again with what liberation should and could look like. When we start Shabbat each week—twenty-five hours of practicing “the world to come”—and end it with Havdalah—when we ease ourselves back into this brutal “world as it is”—we do so with braided offerings (bread and a

candle, respectively). Such braids, in these times, underscore the imperative for interwovenness, for interrelatedness, between each and every one of us, from all walks of life, who want to destroy fascism and bring about liberatory social transformations.

May all freedom-seeking peoples journey side by side toward those aspirations by better loving and caring for each other.

Here are twenty things you can do to counter fascism—yes, you! yes, now! Dream up and put into motion many, many more things too. This is only a beginning.

1. Do *doikayt* (hereness) within your one-on-one relationships. What would it look like to check in with each of your beloveds based on your current conditions and communicate with love to each other what you envision for the world you want to build? Identify the soil amendments necessary in thought, word, and deed for those seeds to flourish.

2. Make people soup and do not stop inviting them over for soup! Be a reason for living.

3. Build a support network. Join with like-minded people and organize for quality over quantity; a few devoted comrades can go further than a large and dispassionate group. Make art about it. Your support network, the love of your friends and family, can always be broader; build it bigger, with care and intentionality. Make more art about it. Try out new actions: talk to people and ask how they’re feeling, distribute literature, organize a study group, or put up stickers or disperse seed bombs together. With every loving bond we forge, and all the new art we make, we divorce ourselves a little more from the demons that haunt us—hopelessness, irony, and complacency—and find sparks of possibility. Try, fail, and try again and again.

4. Buy, accumulate, or otherwise procure Plan B, and save it for yourself and others in case it’s needed later. Set up a Plan B distro in your community. Do the same with other, potentially soon-hard-

to-access supplies related to bodily autonomy.

5. Write letters to people in prison and detention, send them books, and/or do jail support and solidarity for those facing state repression in your communities. Act in ways that thwart carceral logics in your responses to conflict and harm as well as your day-to-day relations with others. Remember, there are no prisons or cops in olam ha-ba (the world to come).

6. Make art and display it in public. Draw, paint, or write a colorful sign about your dreams, your hopes for a better world, or to celebrate something that you love about this one. It doesn’t matter if you don’t think of yourself as an artsy type. If you can, get together with others to do this; share art materials, space, and ideas. Wheat paste (or wallpaper paste or glue) your finished work in public—somewhere you and others will see it when going about your daily lives. You’ve now made a material change to your surroundings. It will make people smile. It will make people feel less alone. It will make visible your resistance as well as visions. It also won’t last forever. Nothing does. You can always make more.

7. Take concrete steps to build relationships beyond borders and strengthen global solidarity with those who share your values. Here are a few starting points. Learn a new language and schedule mutual practice sessions with others studying your language; such skills will likely also prove useful to aid those at increased threat of being targeted. Reach out to other people (or collectives, projects, etc.) in other parts of the world who you share affinity with—Jews and Muslims, dispossessed and displaced people, anarchists and queers, and so on—and see if there’s anything you can collaborate on. Seek out the stories of people who fought or fled authoritarian regimes in the past and present; learn from their experiences, and engage in discussions about our current challenges and a diversity of tactics to address them.

8. Learn new skills, share them, and help others learn new skills toward

park, which had gone defunct when the previous president passed away. Meanwhile, resident leaders have made large strides in bringing more cohesion to the residents’ demands by forming an informal “junta” (board or committee). The group hired legal representation and is asking residents to refuse any relocation offer while they collectively negotiate. So far, residents and the junta have demanded CREI Holdings allow three to four years for relocation and provide \$50,000 in compensation for each unit. Other potential demands include an eviction moratorium issued by Miami-Dade County or Sweetwater officials, or negotiations to buy out CREI Holdings and establish a cooperative association of owner-residents.

**Here’s how we are mobilizing to support Li’l Abner’s residents—and how you can, too:**

Follow [@lilabner\\_homeowners](#) on Instagram.

Donate to the residents’ [GoFundMe page](#) to help with legal support and other immediate needs.

Demand Raul F. Rodriguez withdraw eviction orders by emailing him at [rrodriguez@nationalhealthtransport.org](mailto:rrodriguez@nationalhealthtransport.org) and [info@creiholdings.com](mailto:info@creiholdings.com) and calling him at (305) 479-5471.

Tell The Urban Group to cancel their contract with CREI Holdings at [tinfo@theurbangroup.com](mailto:tinfo@theurbangroup.com) and (954) 522-6226.

Call on José “Pepe” Díaz’s office to demand the City of Sweetwater take action to stop the eviction of Li’l Abner residents at [mayordiaz@cityofsweetwater.fl.gov](mailto:mayordiaz@cityofsweetwater.fl.gov) and (305) 221-0411.

If you enjoyed this article, we recommend our [resources on tenant and neighborhood organizing](#).

## Report-Back on Mobilization Against the

## “Men’s March to Abolish Abortion” in Boston

December 7, 2024

Report back on recent mobilization against gender fascists in Boston, MA. Originally posted to [MBTA Distro](#).

My personal goal at this action was not to get arrested and stop the fascists from being able to proceed downtown at any cost. Less than an hour after we’d initially gathered at Charlesgate park, we intersected with the so-called “Men’s March to Abolish Abortion” right in the heart of Kenmore square. We had anywhere from triple to 5 times their numbers, but the pigs by far outnumbered us both.

Having these numbers allowed us to, at first, effectively shift and evade both direct physical confrontation with the fascists and also avoid being kettled and split up by the cops as they attempted to break us up into different splinter groups. Multiple times, people who were helping keep eyes on the cops shifted the crowd to form and reform, so that we kept layers of comrades at our backs instead of letting the pigs sneak up on us.

I don’t want to harp endlessly on the counter-protestors who had come dressed as literal clowns, as my purpose with this report-back is largely to detail my confrontations with the cops/the fash and the repression faced afterwards. I know that this was a large action, and everyone there came with a plan to use different tactics. I believe that diversity of tactics is a critical strength, and that whimsy and creativity lend necessary life and energy to our movements.

That being said, I was frustrated with the clowns. It felt like they had joined us from a bygone era; pre-Charlottesville, when making fun of fascists was one of the more effective tactics we could use against them. But they’re not fucking funny anymore; they haven’t been funny for years. The tone of the clowns’ resistance was completely off compared to the violence that I

and many of my comrades ended up facing. We can’t just be in the streets to embarrass them anymore—we’re beyond that. It’s life or death now.

You could feel a similar sentiment in the air. The action heated up quickly as we continued to face off with the Men’s March. After less than half-an-hour at a standstill, the fash (pigs included), were getting antsy to be on their way.

Anticipating a push, we linked up several layers deep, holding onto each other in a fluid human chain. At this point I still felt pretty safe, even as more and more cops in riot gear appeared to be taking formation too. It looked like they were trying to form a wedge perpendicular to our line; that they were preparing to try to push through our line, breaking us up and apart, armed with bikes and batons.

The vibe shifted quickly, when I heard one of the so-called “marshals” of the allegedly autonomous action making an announcement to our side that “If you didn’t want to get arrested,” you should back up immediately.

The comrades I was immediately with and I strategized in a matter of seconds that we wanted to stay close to the front and not give up our position; the more people who left, we knew, the more likely it was for the people who stayed to get arrested. It felt like by backing down, we were not only giving an opportunity to the pigs to arrest people, but actively giving them permission.

Clashes broke out today in #Boston, as a large pro-choice counter-demonstration faced off with police and gender fascists at anti-abortion “Men’s March to Abolish Abortion.” Police made several arrests of counter-demonstrators.

— It’s Going Down (@igd.bsky.social) 2024-11-17T05:29:03.370Z

After this announcement, it seemed to me that about three quarters of our side backed up, leaving the rest

of us to face off against the bike cops in riot gear with severely diminished numbers. The clowns, of course, were among those who quickly decided to cede their ground, joining the others on the sidewalk. We stayed tight with everyone who had remained, preparing to hold our ground as the enemies advanced directly down the street at us. The energy was high but desperate. I no longer felt confident; by splitting up, we had already given up our main advantage: that there are always more of us than there are of them.

I remember bracing my feet against the concrete, every few seconds trying to take minuscule steps forward to stop myself from losing ground. I was buoyed up by my friends behind me as the pig directly in front of me pushed his bike harder and harder into my chest and sternum. "Go home," we screamed. "Give up. we're not moving!" we insisted over and over again. "Look at yourselves, you're leading the fascist march, give up, don't you feel embarrassed? don't you feel ashamed?" our insults to the pigs grew more personal as the confrontation approached its explosive breaking point.

It took several minutes for the pigs to make their arrests. Our comrades were held for several hours. I was told the pigs tried dividing them up by gender, but they couldn't really clock everyone. Our collective gender nonconformity delayed processing and frustrated the fuck out of the pigs. Unfortunately, it also made the pigs angry, and they took it out on our comrades - by making them wait longer and longer, denying them the chance to use the bathroom, and subjecting them to repeated, escalating and invasive questioning, trying to get them to give the pigs the answers they wanted.

Jail is jail, so it was even more important that our comrades were greeted by the familiar and unfamiliar faces of the jail support team; we had food and water and the legal support helped them with specific information and next steps. By the time our comrades got out, the fascists had already been safe at home for hours. I don't think any of them were going home injured,

aching and bruised. They'd made it to Parkman Bandstand despite our efforts and sacrifices. All we can do now is keep going; the best plan is to learn from each act of resistance.

We need a tighter strategy. We need to give the cops fewer opportunities and openings to pick us off one by one.

We need to pool our resources for medications like birth control and make safe, non-legal abortion plans and networks now.

We need to run de-arrest trainings and drills, right here in Boston.

We need to make honest, individualized safety plans with our affinity groups so that we know exactly how much we are willing to do and what consequences we are willing to risk.

We need to be prepared to be in dangerous situations.

We need to know and accept the consequences of resisting.

We need to scare them, and exhaust them and their resources.

We need to bring more people into the fold.

We need to be stronger than they are.

We need to keep pushing.

Thanks for reading, solidarity forever, see you in the streets.

*This report has been slightly edited for readability.*

## Festivals of Resistance: A Call for Gatherings the Weekend Before Trump Takes Office

December 3, 2024

Call for public festivals, gatherings, assemblies, and forums on building resilience and capacity in the face of a second Trump administration.

Along with others around the country, we invite you to join us in organizing festivals of resistance on the weekend of January 18, immediately before Donald Trump takes office. This is a crucial opportunity to engage in outreach, education, and action ahead of

what it is sure to be a tumultuous time.

Once Trump takes power, it will only become more challenging to make connections with our neighbors, create the networks that we will need to face down his assaults, and share the skills we will need to survive his reign. Right now, we have a precious window of time in which to prepare. Let's make the most of it.

When Donald Trump enters office on January 20, he will order mass deportations, escalate the repression of protesters, dismantle the few judicial and legislative provisions that still protect ordinary people, and consolidate a propaganda ecosystem intended to stupefy us all into obedience. The Democratic Party is willingly handing power to an autocrat they say will bring democracy to an end; the Democrats show every intention of continuing to ratchet their own politics to the right. Authoritarian leftist groups are simply treating this as a recruitment opportunity.

But from Texas to the West Bank, millions of people's lives are about to get even harder. We owe it to each other to meet the second Trump era side by side in solidarity.



The chaos that will accompany the return of the Trump administration represents an opportunity as well as a challenge. This is a chance to assert an autonomous pole of organizing, carrying forward the lessons of 2020 and the movement against Cop City while continuing the fight against patriarchal violence, white supremacy, and colonialism.

By organizing ahead of Trump's inauguration, we can seize the initiative and set our own timeline rather than being caught flat-footed and forced to react. We need to welcome new participants into these struggles and foster a

set a really beautiful tone for the rest of the night.

After the fights officially finished with a final bout of beautifully technical muay-thai violence, people shared hugs and dancing before we took a big group pic for Michael. The crowd started to dissipate, some to an after-party, others to help break down the space. We ended up raising over \$3k for his post-release fund!



The weekend officially finished with an open mat and group conversation at a local gym the following morning. People who had been frantically trying to punch and choke each other in front of a rowdy crowd the night before got to hang more casually, doing padwork or having light sparring or grappling rounds, asking each other technical questions, problem-solving certain positions, or just stretching and decompressing from the night before.

We closed out open mat with an hour-long facilitated group conversation spanning different themes related to how training has affected people's political practice and the movements and projects we are a part of. This was the only formally planned conversational space of the weekend, and it was intentionally limited to those who actively train in combat sports.



The range of insights and "Holy shit, yes, that is what I've been trying to find the words for!" moments during that convo are too

numerous to mention. But of note, people discussed how our training has been crucial to work through trauma endured in street fights with fascists and cops, how it has worked to build trust in the decision-making instincts of our affinity groups, how it grounds our perspective on what kinds of interpersonal conflict are "worth it" vs. what kinds can be set aside, how martial arts can be a vehicle for inviting in new people that would normally be alienated or turned off by activist subcultural bullshit, and how coaching has in turn made us better at teaching other kinds of skills and ideas. It was a beautiful privilege to have a weekend where we could approach some of these questions with others who share the passion for and experiences of fighting.

## IN CLOSING

First and foremost, we owe a huge thanks to the many people (Em, you were incredible!) who stepped into last minute roles for this weekend, to help with everything from housing to sound, tabling, door, reffing, and MCing at Fight Night. Impromptu ring babes pulled it all together with fiery, sexy outfits and hand-made round cards. And obviously, huge shout out to everyone who traveled to town to take part and compete. Extra appreciation for all the people who helped out even as they were responding to the disaster in western NC.



As enthusiasm continues to grow for combat sports in radical political communities, there will be ample models to choose from on how to move forward and organize these spaces. At our fight night, there were fighters who train strictly at autonomous, "political" gyms, others like us who coach and train at primarily normal "apolitical" gyms, and others who

are able to combine the two. The shared wisdom seems to be that there are pros and cons to both, with the former being more affordable and offering a higher degree of political and social intimacy, and the latter more consistency and a higher level of instruction. Regardless, we encourage people to test themselves. If you can, compete at least once or twice in order to be honest with yourself. Don't wait until a street fight with fascists goes awry to learn that you have absolutely no idea how to escape a basic RNC.



For our part, we tried to adopt certain lessons we've learned from attending and fighting at sanctioned fight events over the last ten years, in terms of matchmaking and how to smoothly run an event, while dispensing with other aspects that clashed with our values or seemed a bad fit for a revolutionary (and non-sanctioned) card.

Ultimately, this was really an open experiment for us, and we think it worked amazingly well. If you're interested in putting on something similar but have questions, hit us up at [fightweekend@protonmail.com](mailto:fightweekend@protonmail.com)!

No pasarán,  
fight weekend crew

## Don't Just Do Nothing: 20 Things You Can Do to Counter Fascism

November 21, 2024

Jewish anarchists weigh-in on how people can organize and act in the changing terrain. For a zine PDF, [go here](#).

You are not obligated to complete

anarchist political prisoner Michael Kimble featuring combat sports.

Through the weekend of October 18th-20th, the triangle-area of North Carolina hosted a series of events to bring combat sports and revolutionary politics together. This weekend was put together by a handful of comrades and friends who have been training, fighting, and coaching together, some of us for more than a decade.

Our intention with this weekend was to nurture the culture of martial arts and combat sports training in North America, which is generally far, far behind European and Latin American anarchists' building of this tradition. Over the years we've been inspired by anarchist smokers in Philly, Oakland, Montreal, and Mexico City, etc. The disparate nature of radical martial artists organizing in the margins of our cities often leaves us feeling disconnected. In an effort to feel less alone in our commitment to training combat sports, Fight Weekend was a long-overdue celebration of how far we've come and what is possible.



Among often unfriendly political communities increasing in convoluted social allegiances and intellectual abstractions, we want to be in our bodies first and foremost. We believe that physically training together among our varying experiences and capacities offers us something that other, often culturally and racially segregated silos of dance parties, punk shows, or activist events do not. This is not just for the relevance of the skills themselves, but the opportunities for trust-building under stress, and vulnerability through play. We have experienced firsthand how this kind of togetherness is a hugely gratifying and applicable practice, helping to shake off some of the

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"beautiful loser" mentality that troubles our communities as we fight against the daily horrors this world offers us.

## THE WEEKEND

The weekend began on Friday with a Welcome Cookout as people trickled in to town. A huge amount of food was brought, largely thanks to the support of local folks helping to run a nearby mutual aid disaster warehouse, who were pulling double duty between running a supply warehouse for western NC hurricane relief and helping with the weekend of events. A big projector screen was set up and played fight footage of various rad fighters, as well as a sweet tribute video to a local anarchist pro-MMA fighter who recently retired. We gave out programs with the weekend schedule, and had a small letter-writing station where participants could sign a group card to [Alabama prison rebel Michael Kimble](#), for whom the fight night itself was a fundraiser.



We also had impromptu "face-offs" between people who were scheduled to fight each other the following night. These were beautiful and hilarious, as people from different towns walked around the cookout finding their opponents. Following the suggestion of a Philly comrade, next time we want to hype the spectacle of these face-offs even more. A comradely and over-the-top, campy spectacle!

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A few hours later, our Fight Night fundraiser kicked off at [Raleigh United Mutual Aid Hub](#) in downtown Raleigh. Adorned with banners and lights, about 20' by 20' of mat space, and a big table of zines and t-shirts that Michael Kimble helped design, around 140-150 people filled the space through the night. There were twelve matches - six jiu jitsu, four muay thai, and two boxing - and they were amazing! The crowd was screaming, bodies were falling all over, people went fucking HARD.

When matching people for their fights, we asked fighters to respond with their stats: age, general walking weight, and experience level. We also asked their thoughts on potential opponents based on their gendered experiences and on gender affirming hormone therapy. We received a range of responses, allowing every fighter to self-determine what was and wasn't important to them to help make a fight they felt comfortable taking. This was as important to us as was letting the fighters know they are welcome however and whoever they are. We take huge pride in how a lot of the matches that night were an absolute gender-fuck-you to the entirely ridiculous combat sports industry.



Halfway through we had an intermission and played a 9 minute interview with Michael to give a background on his case and his organizing behind bars. He also managed to call one of us immediately beforehand, so in addition to playing his recorded interview, we were able to have some loud group chants into the phone for his benefit. It is an ongoing and sometimes difficult task to bring our revolutionary ancestors, elders, and prisoners into the political spaces we create, but Michael felt present, and his words

revolutionary perspective that can orient us through the challenges ahead. No amount of internet activity could substitute for gathering face to face. The most important battles ahead will not be fought online, but in the streets of our communities.

January 18 is observed as the [Day of the Forest Defender](#). It will be the two-year anniversary of the [murder of Tortuguita](#) in Weelaunee Forest. It is an important date to gather, honor the memory of the fallen, and pledge ourselves to resistance and to one another.

## How to Participate

You could start by [calling for an assembly](#) bringing together everyone who wants to participate in organizing. It could be a public gathering—if you think you can facilitate something on that scale—or an invitation-based conversation bringing together people who have already worked together or at least have cause to trust each other.

For the event proper, you could host workshops and distribute literature teaching [security culture](#), [digital security](#), [protest safety](#) and [first aid](#), [direct action](#), [reproductive autonomy](#), forms of organization including [affinity groups](#), and [other skills](#) that may be relevant in the years to come.

Local organizers could share stories and lessons from the history of resistance in your area during [the first Trump era](#). You could facilitate discussions to identify what people need to do to prepare for the years ahead—both for their own safety and to ensure the safety of their communities—or to [strategize](#) about how to prepare to [confront the Trump agenda](#) in your region. You could do an art build for future demonstrations and an organizing fair to connect people to local projects. This will be a chance to expand rapid response networks for community defense and mutual aid.

In some places, the gatherings could conclude with public actions—a first salvo in the resistance to Trump's plan for mass deportations. Elsewhere, there will

be open assemblies, spaces for people to encounter each other and learn new ways of working together and sharing ideas. Small towns can screen documentaries or invite speakers to share their expertise.

It's up to you and your community to decide what best fits your local context. The important thing is to create a space that can serve as a point of entry for everyone who needs to get connected ahead of the next round of struggles—a space where people can hone their skills and begin to think of themselves as a collective force.

No matter who Trump's administration targets—whether immigrants, Palestine solidarity organizers, sex workers, schoolteachers, trans people, environmentalists, or people seeking abortions—we must show that we will love and protect one another. If we all pull together, showing everyone who wants to resist that there are movements that they can join, we can begin to build the strength that we will need to overcome the challenges ahead.

Events like this are already being planned in dozens of cities and towns. But time is tight. If we want to be ready, we have to get started now.

Photo by [Koshu Kunii](#) on [Unsplash](#)

## International Call For New Year's Eve Noise Demonstrations

December 3, 2024

Call for noise demonstrations outside of sites of incarceration on New Year's Eve.

This is a call for a raucous night of strong solidarity with those imprisoned by the state on one of the noisiest nights of the year. On New Year's Eve gather your crew, collective, community, organization, or just yourself and come together to raise a racket and remind those on the inside that they are not alone.

Internationally, noise demonstrations outside of prisons

are a way to remember those who are held captive by the state and a way to show solidarity with imprisoned comrades and loved ones. We come together to break the loneliness and isolation.

We know that prison is beyond reform and must be completely abolished. It is a mechanism of repression used by the state to maintain a social order rooted in white supremacy, patriarchy, and heteronormativity. To come together outside of the sites of repression is to also stand in defiance of what they represent.

The logic of the state and capital—of punishment and imprisonment, must be replaced by a rejection of oppression and exploitation. This call is one step in that direction.

Wherever you are, meet on New Year's Eve at the prisons, jails, and detention centers, be loud in solidarity with those imprisoned and to push forward the idea of a world free from domination.

We want a world without walls and borders.

We will fight together until everyone is free!

Past New Year's Eve Noise Demo Roundups on IGD:

- [2024](#)
- [2023](#)
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## Antifascists in Montreal Mobilize Against Nazi-Linked Music Festival

December 2, 2024

Report from antifascists in Montreal on mobilization against music festival featuring musical acts associated with the far-Right and neo-Nazis.

**Montréal, November 30, 2024**  
—Last night was the second of three nights of the Messe des Morts black metal festival, at the Théâtre Paradoxe, in Montreal's Ville-Émard district. An anti-fascist demonstration was held to denounce the chronic complacency of the festival and many fans of the genre toward the National Socialist Black Metal (NSBM), or neo-Nazi, current that infuses this milieu, particularly the presence in this year's program of at least four bands linked to this current by their themes, affiliations, and collaborations.

As a result of a campaign to pressure the promoter, Sepulchral Productions, and the venue's management, Paradoxe, three of the problematic bands—Horna, Sargeist, and Chamber of Unlight, those with the clearest links to NSBM—were denied entry to Canada as a national security threat, according to the promoter's press release. Two other bands, Conifère and Phobocosm, had withdrawn from the program in the days leading up to the festival, for "obvious" reasons in the first case and "personal" reasons in the latter.

Nonetheless, the Swedish band Marduk, whose thematic obsessions with the military exploits of the SS and Wehrmacht during the World War II, which we've already addressed elsewhere, not only managed to play their scheduled gigs but also filled open slots on short notice, performing on all three nights of the festival.

Outside the theater, some two hundred people answered the call and joined the demonstration organized by the Montréal Antifasciste collective, the culmination of a sustained campaign of denunciation and mobilization that lasted several weeks. The diverse and combative crowd included residents of the neighborhood, Southwest Montréal community groups, and a number of autonomous contingents gathered behind the banners of the SITT-IWW and the local chapter of Independent Jewish Voices.

A lot of Pork on the

## Hoof for the Messe des Morts...

Unfortunately, from the outset, the demonstration was surrounded and paralyzed by a massive police presence: several hundred officers on foot, on bikes, in cars, and on horses, spread over two city blocks, forming a tight perimeter around the theater. Although some fifty comrades managed to temporarily thwart this force, it proved far too imposing for us to effectively and sustainably challenge. At around 5:45 p.m., the demonstration was rendered immobile on Monk Boulevard, less than a hundred metres from the theater. The police then set up a checkpoint further south, triaged people and directed ticket holders down a parallel street that allowed them to bypass the unsafe perimeter and reach the theater entrance. It's fair to say that on this particular evening the police literally carried the fascists' water. It's worth noting that a number of the SPVM officers on the front line were wearing the "Thin Blue Line" patch, a recognized far-right symbol. Wearing it is discouraged, but it has not yet been prohibited by the police service.

As absurd as it may seem, the local neo-Nazi milieu's steroid-ridden mascot turned up at around 6:00 p.m., to "troll our small gathering." After a tense five-minute standoff, he left with his tail between his legs. Under the circumstances, a physical altercation would inevitably have triggered a brutal and disastrous police intervention. We commend our comrades for keeping their cool in the face of this flagrant provocation. An aside, in passing, to the politicians—and the media—who have hallucinations of antisemitism every time there's a Palestinian solidarity demonstration: the real antisemites, the fucking neo-Nazis, are right in front of your face, and you choose to send your rabid dogs to protect them.

After an hour on site chanting antifascist slogans ("Siamo tutti antifascisti!" "Ville-Émard en a marre, des fachos et des bâtarde!" [Ville-Émard has had its fill of fascists and bastards!]), we

understood that there was nothing more to be accomplished by lingering in this suffocating trap, and the group pulled out and marched south on Monk Boulevard. The SPVM tightly flanked the procession, with the riot squad boxing us in on both sides. A hundred meters from the Monk metro station, a platoon commander, annoyed at a comrade's legitimate protest, inexplicably decided to lead his men in a violent charge against the front row of the demonstration, swinging batons and whacking people with shields, as well as making liberal use of pepper spray. The point seemed to be to make sure everyone knew who was in charge! The demonstrators then dispersed into the metro, the riot squad with them every step of the way.

The Montréal Antifasciste collective would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all the people and organizations who took part in the campaign of denunciation campaign and in the mobilization.

## A Campaign with a Positive Balance Sheet

As we explained in our October 27th article, Montréal's anti-fascist community had not felt it necessary to mount a denunciation campaign against the Messe des Morts in recent years, as it had done in 2016 because the programming did not present any particularly problematic groups. The 2024 event, however, was a provocation.

In early October, we contacted the administration of Théâtre Paradoxe (a social economy enterprise) to encourage them to take the necessary steps to prevent the questionable groups from performing at their venue. Unfortunately, all our diplomatic efforts came to nothing, as the theatre's administration claimed to have no manoeuvring room as a result of a contract with the promoter of the Messe des Morts, the real culprit behind this grotesque fiasco. So we had no choice but to keep our promise to demonstrate outside of the festival.

Whatever one might say about

city's establishment and enforcement of a "No Protest Zone" during the WTO conference violated their First Amendment rights. In 2005, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the government may have violated the rights of WTO protesters, sending the case back to the trial court to determine whether the city's policy was to restrict free speech based on its content. The case was ultimately settled in the protestors' favor.

From that first day of police-initiated violence there were profound media blunders and lessons to glean. Television media amplified acts such as window smashing *ad nauseum* — in a way that portrayed the acts of property destruction as more widespread than they actually were. The New York Times incorrectly reported that protesters were throwing Molotov cocktails at police, a report that was repeated many times despite their printed correction. But the media was also forced to report on the protesters' anti-globalization message and pulled back the curtain on the grave harms and deceptions perpetrated by multinational corporations. Even Eugene, Oregon (where CLDC is based) rose to fame as the "informal capital of anarchy in America" after running the streets in early-west coast black bloc (Chicago Tribune).

Next week we'll look a bit more in depth on some of the lessons learned as well as the path forward.

## Help Restore Building Housing Three Anarchist Projects in Montréal

November 28, 2024

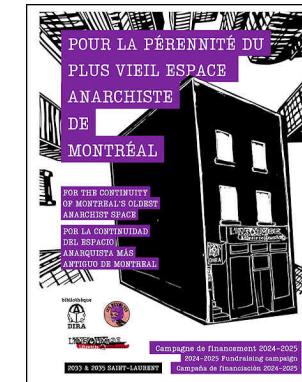
Call to support anarchist infrastructure in so-called Montréal. [Go here to donate.](#)

Since 1982, 2033-2035 Saint-Laurent Boulevard has been a vital space for anarchism in Montréal (Tiohtià:ke/Mooniyang). At the time, activists founded the Association des Espèces d'Espaces Libres et Imaginaires (AEELI) with

the goal of acquiring the building that today houses three anarchist projects: the feminist and queer self-managed social space Les Révoltes, the DIRA Library, and the bookstore L'Insoumise.

The AEELI's mission is to spread anarchist ideas, for instance through the development of an anarchist bookstore in Montréal. When the association was founded, the bookstore was named Librairie l'Alternative, which opened its doors in 1977. L'Insoumise took over the mantle of l'Alternative twenty years ago. Founded in 2004, the bookstore is open to the public six days a week. And since 2005, the DIRA library has occupied the building's third floor.

There are many communities that frequent this mythical anarchist building. Every year, people from all over visit both the bookstore and the library. These spaces are abundantly used by anarchists: activities, screenings, celebrations and parties are regularly organized here.



But to ensure that the 2033-2035 Saint-Laurent Boulevard remains a permanent, welcoming and central hub for Montréal's anarchist community, it is now necessary to carry out crucial work to preserve and enhance it. The current building requires major repairs, and a lot of love. The facade, storefront, rear wall of the building, windows on the second and third floors, and the bookstore's bathroom all need significant repairs, estimated at more than \$200,000.00. However, the Association des Espèces d'Espaces Libres et Imaginaires does

not have the funds required to do this by itself. Today, the Association must appeal for your support.

To ensure the continuity of this space of life, joy, rage, plotting, organizing, debate, and knowledge-sharing, whose three floors and famous courtyard benefit anarchist communities, we are calling for solidarity. Let this center for anarchist ideas, encompassing all tendencies, continue its mission forever!

To the continuity of Montréal's oldest anarchist space!

In solidarity,  
AEELI, L'Insoumise bookstore, the DIRA Library, and Les Révoltes

## Contribute to our campaign:

- **Make an Interac transfer:** You can send a transfer of your choice to [aeeeli@riseup.net](mailto:aeeeli@riseup.net)
- **Make a donation by cheque or in cash:** To make a cash donation, you can visit Librairie l'Insoumise (2033 boul. Saint-Laurent), Tuesday to Sunday. [Click here](#) for opening hours. You can also make out a cheque to the Association des espèces d'espaces libres et imaginaires (AEELI) for the amount of your choice, and send it to 2033 boul. Montréal, QC H2X 2T3.
- **Make a donation with PayPal:** If you simply wish to make a donation by credit card, we encourage you to use Zeffy, as this platform does not take a percentage of the donations we receive. Donate [here on PayPal](#).

## Combat Sports and Revolution: A Report Back from Fight Weekend in North Carolina

November 24, 2024

A report from North Carolina on a recent gathering benefiting

agribusiness emboldened by WTO agreements dump government-subsidized crops below market value, thereby crashing prices in developing countries while the locals starve. Native ecosystems are stripped to grow palm oil or harvest old-growth lumber, enriching corporate masters, while their workers and the environment weaken and grow sick. Any corner of the WTO, when illuminated, shows the massive transference of wealth and raw materials from the earth and its people to colossal multinational corporations, extractive governments, and the partnerships between the two.

In the wake of these stark realities, the anti-globalization movement was born around the world. Whether black-clad anarchists or Salvadoran nuns, “the people” recognized that the future was bleak unless they stood up against the profiteers.

The plan of the WTO delegates, politicians, and industry lobbyists was to gather behind barricades and closed doors in Seattle to divide up the spoils of economic dominance while militarized police had their back.

Activists began organizing against this circus of capital from the moment the Seattle venue was chosen over San Diego and Honolulu. The planned use of some creative organizing tactics, like the spokes-council model, proved instrumental in bringing together a wide array of activists with a broad spectrum of skillsets. There was an agreed-upon goal that everyone could work towards, which was owning the streets and stopping the Ministerial.

Kim Marks: “It had been a really long time since we had been able to get that many people to show up in one place and do an action of that scale. It was successful in that we were able to get different affinity groups from many different places to suspend disbelief, and trust that through the spokes-council process everyone was gonna do what they said they were gonna do and shut down their respective intersections. The key reasons it worked were because of the radical organizing that had been happening in the

forest defense movement in the Northwest for so long, and the roadshows and extensive direct action trainings we did along the way allowed us to build trust in person.”

As dawn broke on November 30, 1999 (“N.30”), the first day of the street battles between activists and police began to unfold. WTO delegates were unwilling and/or unable to make their way into the convention center. Police were unprepared for the level of coordination that had been successful in splitting up the city into wedges controlled by different groups. This level of coordination choked the WTO Ministerial and effectively kept members and delegates locked in their rooms. It also panicked the cops and city officials.

Kim Marks: “Every intersection had a different scenario playing out — in our intersection cops were randomly pepper-spraying adults and kids. We were in the process of negotiating with police to move people out of downtown and back towards the convergence site when cops attacked. We were told by the police that they’d rather have us figure out how to move humans than have the police figure it out. And we were like, great! That gives us at least another day to do actions. But then they started hitting us with flash grenades and rubber bullets and it turned into a war zone.”

Around 10 AM on N.30, police lost control of the situation in the streets. They began to deploy chemical weapons, rubber bullets, police batons, and mass arrests against peaceful protesters as well as bystanders. Extensive use of chemical and “non-lethal” weapons on protesters was relatively new at this time. Many people were injured by police and several police misconduct cases arose in the aftermath of unchecked police abuse.

Norm Stamper, then police chief for the Seattle Police Department, later called the police actions he oversaw an “over-reaction” as well as the “worst mistake” of his career. Despite the fact that over 1,000 arrests were made that day, and

charges were filed against 600+ activists, only six people were ever brought to trial. Of those, five ended with an acquittal and one with a very minor conviction. Everyone else had their charges dismissed.

Without the incredible behind-the-scenes coalition-building that took place between organized labor and other activist organizations, the legal fallout of such a chaotic day could have been so much worse. Organized labor demanded the release of all arrestees that day, whether they were labor activists or not.

Kim Marks: “From what I remember, the meeting between the Longshoreman and the Mayor (Paul Schell) went like this.

Longshoreman: You need to release everybody from jail.

Mayor Schell: You mean the labor people?

Longshoreman: No, anybody that’s protesting the WTO are our brothers and sisters and we want them all out.

Mayor Schell: Ok well, not the people on felony charges?

Longshoreman: No, them too. This is too complicated, we’re not the judge and jury. Everyone in jail released now! If they don’t get released, you can get on the phone and explain to Europe why they’re not gonna get their goods.”

The fact that Mayor Schell did end up releasing everyone from jail is a profound testament to what solidarity in action can look like.

The city also spent over \$9 million on police and other costs. Years later, Seattle paid a total sum of \$275,000 to the victims of police brutality and \$1 million to 175 protesters who were unlawfully arrested ([NBC News](#)). To this day, the litigation precedent created by civil rights lawyers in Seattle continues to be used to uphold the rights of street protesters around the country. For example, in *Menotti v. City of Seattle*, the ACLU filed a lawsuit on behalf of two protesters, charging that the

Friday night’s events, which were entirely dominated by the SPVM, we feel we’ve achieved the campaign’s broader objectives:

- two of the four bands targeted, those closest to the NSBM scene, were unable to play at the festival;
- we effectively alerted the community of a problematic situation; in particular, the Théâtre Paradoxe administration, which clearly knew little about the vampire it had invited into its home;
- We exposed the flagrant contradictions that permeate the black metal milieu, causing welcome discord between complacent aficionados and anti-racist fans of the genre;
- Our actions had major financial consequences for the festival’s promoter, whose activities over the years have shown an unquestionable sympathy for NSBM.

At the end of the day, we can look back on a positive campaign. In the coming months, we will be maintaining communication with the Théâtre Paradoxe administration to ensure that the 2024 edition of the festival is the last to take place in this venue. We’ll also be keeping up the pressure on the festival’s promoter, who has once again demonstrated complacency toward a hateful ideology and its manifestations in the black metal genre, despite his claims of political neutrality.

Of course, we’ll also remain constantly alert to ensure that Montréal remains resolutely anti-fascist.

—the Montréal Antifasciste collective

## Final Straw: Peter Gelderloos on Memory, Community, Organization and Struggle

December 2, 2024

Long-running anarchist radio and podcast show *The Final Straw*

speaks with author Peter Gelderloos.

This week, we’re airing an interview with anarchist author, Peter Gelderloos about two of his recent books *They Will Beat the Memory Out of Us: Forcing Nonviolence on Forgetful Movements* (Pluto Books, 2024) as well as *Organization, Community, Continuity* (Detritus, 2024). For this episode, we speak on movement memory, community, care work, organization and struggle.

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## In Contempt #47: Trump Administration Gears Up to Attack Anti-War Movement

December 2, 2024

In this column, we present our monthly roundup of political prisoner, prison rebel, and repression news, happenings, announcements, action and analysis. Packed in as always are updates, fundraisers, and birthdays.

There’s a lot happening, so let’s  *dive right in!*

## On the Future of this Column

The US/online anarchist media space is going through a process of change at the moment, and this column is not immune from that. So far, this column has been primarily a one-person effort, but collective projects are always more stable than individual ones, and the more people that get involved, the more chance the project will have of surviving if the main contributor gets hit by a bus, feels like a break or catches a charge. If you’re involved in any kind of anti-repression or prisoner support work and there’s any aspect of it that you think people should hear about, please send reports and descriptions into

this column. If you don’t have a project that you want to publicize yourself, but you have time and energy to help collect news about other people’s, that’s very welcome too.

## Call for New Year’s Eve Noise Demonstrations

It’s that time of the year! The New York Anarchist Black Cross (ABC) has [put out a call](#):

This is a call for a raucous night of strong solidarity with those imprisoned by the state on one of the noisiest nights of the year. On New Year’s Eve gather your crew, collective, community, organization, or just yourself and come together to raise a racket and remind those on the inside that they are not alone.

Internationally, noise demonstrations outside of prisons are a way to remember those who are held captive by the state and a way to show solidarity with imprisoned comrades and loved ones. We come together to break the loneliness and isolation.

Wherever you are, meet on New Year’s Eve at the prisons, jails, and detention centers, be loud in solidarity with those imprisoned and to push forward the idea of a world free from domination.

Read the [full call here!](#) If you’re in Brooklyn, NY on NYE, [check out the call here](#).

## Political Prisoner News

The support crew for long-term indigenous political prisoner Xinachtli has put out a [new statement and call for donations](#) which you can read here.

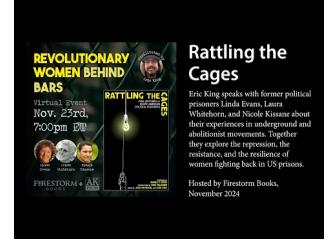
[Long-term Native political prisoner Leonard Peltier has been released from hospital back into prison](#), but still needs ongoing medical care, and so there’s an ongoing call for people to pressure politicians and prison staff to provide Leonard with the medical care that he needs. [Amnesty International also is](#)

pressuring the outgoing Biden administration to grant Peltier a pardon.

The Rattling the Cages series of talks continues, with the most recent talks including "Until All Are Free" with Eric King, Jason Hammond and Jeremy Hammond:



And "Revolutionary Women Behind Bars" with Linda Evans, Laura Whitehorn, and Nicole Kissane:



Upcoming events in early December include a Bread & Roses webinar on political prisoners with Eric King and Josh Davidson, and a talk on becoming politicized in prison with Hector "Bori" Rodriguez and Farhan Ahmed.

The 2025 Certain Days calendar is now available for order, and you can also help to get it into prisons by using the "order for prisoners" option here.



Former anarchist prisoner Eric King has put out a call for support:

Friends Rochelle and I were married by the state behind bars 8 years ago. It was behind glass, we could kiss and hug. The states robbed us of this. December 14th, at 1pm, Rochelle and I will be having our Free Wedding, a hand binding ceremony. This is our wedding on our terms. Liberation through love. Two days later we are going on our FIRST HONEYMOON! These apparently are expensive lol. I am doing a small Venmo Fundraiser to help with the Honeymoon and wedding stuff.

An event was held in Philadelphia recently to raise medical funds for Dhoruba Bin Wahad, a former Black Panther/Black Liberation Army political prisoner. Unicorn Riot has video coverage from the event, check it out here.



## Ongoing Cases

Following an action against Israeli weapons company Elbit in Merrimack, New Hampshire, four people have now been given 60-day prison sentences, having managed to defeat the attempt to bring felony charges against them. You can read an interview with the defendants here, and see more quotes from them here. You can write to them at:

Calla Walsh  
Paige Belanger  
Bridget Shergalis  
Sophie Ross

All at:

445 Willow St, Manchester,  
New Hampshire  
03103

Additionally, Paige and Calla have booklists up. Like many other industries, the arms industry also uses prison labor.

Ottawa police have made a number of arrests against Palestine solidarity activists, first arresting four people at a demonstration, and then arresting an organizer on charges including "counseling mischief". See commentary from Canadian anarchist Cedar here.

Support Flyer for the Northumberland 2

Philly ABC are running a support fund for Cara and Celeste, the "Northumberland 2" facing charges for an alleged mink liberation action. The Northumberland 2 are currently out of jail, and you can email [we-support-cc@proton.me](mailto:we-support-cc@proton.me) if you would like to get into contact with their support crew. For more background on the case, check out this article from Unicorn Riot

Unoffensive Animal are currently selling t-shirts and art prints to help fundraise for their legal costs, and a fundraiser dance party will be held in Portland on Friday, 13th December. From Unoffensive Animal:

Last month we released a pre-order only fundraiser, selling t-shirts and art prints to raise funds for Cara and Celeste, who are facing trial accused of being involved in a mink liberation in the USA.

We have received a few orders and reached the minimum to print t-shirts, but it would be great if we could raise extra funds, so please have a look and grab yourself a print, or a collection of prints, or a t-shirt or three! If you order both a t-shirt and a print collection, we will send some free stickers designed by Praxis with your order!

Check out the swag and more info here.

The Anarchist Black Cross Federation have posted profiles of

**Birthday:** December 31

**Address:**

Smart Communications / PA DOC  
Jonathan Rodriguez - NU0434  
SCI Rockview  
PO Box 33028  
St. Petersburg, FL, 33733

*Photo: pies for event benefiting political prisoners via @evdas*

## Gas, Groceries and Gaza: A Post-Election interview with Arun Gupta

November 28, 2024

No Borders Media speaks with journalist Arun Gupta on the defeat of the Democrats in the 2024 US election.

multicultural MAGA supporters.

Arun explains the concept of "discounting racism" from Obama to Trump, and looks at the possibility of social movements to organize under both Democrat and Republican presidencies in the past three decades. Importantly, he grounds his insights in the inescapable centrality of the ongoing genocide in Gaza perpetrated by Israel. As he puts in, genocide is the end goal of fascism, and that is exactly what has happened in the past year, with the active complicity and involvement of the Biden/Harris administration.

**Background:**

- Arun Gupta on Substack: [substack.com/@arunnews](https://substack.com/@arunnews) Triumph of the Swill (November 1, 2024): [arunnews.substack.com/p/triumph-of-the-swill](https://arunnews.substack.com/p/triumph-of-the-swill)
- Gas, Groceries, and Gaza is the reason Harris Lost, But Not for the Reasons You Think (November 5, 2024): [arunindependent.substack.com/gro...the-reason](https://arunindependent.substack.com/gro...the-reason)
- No Borders Media (From August 2018): A Discussion on Anti-Trump Resistance, with Arun Gupta (New York City Investigative Journalist): [Nobordersmedia - Arungupta](https://nobordersmedia.arungupta)

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Produced by Jaggi Singh, for No Borders Media

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## 25 Years Later: WTO Shut Down in Seattle

November 28, 2024

The Civil Liberties Defense Center (CLDC) looks back on the mass protests against the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Seattle in 1999.

Twenty-five years ago this week, anarchists, members of organized

labor, forest defenders, NGOs, artists, farmers, and environmental and social justice activists from all corners of the globe descended on Seattle, Washington. The world watched in wonder as a defiant group of more than 50,000 activists banded together with a common vision to shut down the 1999 World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference.

Getting the word out across the U.S. and around the world was achieved through months of careful planning and preparation, with the use of new technology-based tools like cell phones, email, and listservs. Over 50,000 people poured into downtown Seattle. They filled roadside motels, squatted in abandoned buildings, rented warehouses for trainings, and above all, found a way to build a strong enough coalition to operate as a massive, decentralized, many-headed creature that was impossible to kill.

The story of the WTO protests and subsequent police response is a testament to what is possible when intersectional movements with different visions and strategies unite through decentralized organizing, with a common goal for global justice. And, although the reasons for coming were as varied as the locations, movements, and industries represented, the WTO protests of 1999 rewrote the story of not only mass movement organizing, but the policing of movements in the U.S., as well.

Over the next two weeks we'll join Kim Marks, CLDC Board Member and long-time movement organizer, as we look back 25 years to this watershed event.

The formation of the WTO in 1995 marked a dramatic shift in the global economic landscape. The promise that the WTO would bring improved market access and trade equality to developing countries gave way to the reality that wealthy countries from the global north continued the centuries-old practice of bleeding the global south and perpetuating vast human rights abuses in the name of capitalist profits. Farmers - then as now - are driven from their land because multinational

FCI Schuylkill  
PO Box 759  
Minersville, PA 17954

Aline Espinosa-Villegas #22814-509  
FMC Carswell  
P.O. Box 27137  
Fort Worth, Texas 76127

Address letter to Angel, address envelope to Aline A Espinosa-Villegas.

Mujera Benjamin Lunga'ho #08572-509

FCI Forrest City Medium Federal Correctional Institution P.O. Box 3000 Forrest City, AR 72336

Christopher Tindal 04392-509

FCI Cumberland  
PO Box 1000  
Cumberland, MD 21501

## Upcoming Birthdays

### Kevin "Rashid" Johnson

Rashid has been an outspoken revolutionary prisoner for years and is highly active with the New Afrikan Black Panther Party and the Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee, facing harsh repression for his organizing and position as one of the public faces of the prison strike movement. He is currently fighting for adequate medical treatment after being diagnosed with cancer, and as noted above he may be facing an interstate transfer.

Virginia uses Jpay, so you can send him a message by going to [jpay.com](#), clicking "inmate search," then selecting "State: Virginia, Inmate ID: 1007485," although Rashid's access to mail including JPay may well be censored.

**Birthday:** December 3

**Address:**

Kevin "Rashid" Johnson #1007485  
Red Onion State Prison  
10800 H. Jack Rose Hwy.  
Pound, VA 24279

### Fred "Muhammad" Burton

Fred Burton is one of the Philly 5, a group of men accused of an alleged

attack on a police station that left one officer killed. He was sentenced to a life term for murder. Burton has maintained his innocence since his arrest. His preferred name is Muhammad, but envelopes should be addressed to Fred Burton.

Pennsylvania uses Connect Network/GTL, so you can contact him online by going to [connectnetwork.com](#), selecting "Add a facility," choosing "State: Pennsylvania, Facility: Pennsylvania Department of Corrections", going into the "messaging" service, and then adding him as a contact by searching his name or "AF3896".

**Birthday:** December 15

**Address:**

Smart Communications/PA DOC  
Fred Burton  
AF3896  
SCI Somerset  
Post Office Box 33028  
St Petersburg, Florida  
33733

### Alejandro Rodriguez-Ortiz

A former Vaughn 17 defendant. While the state has now dropped its attempts to criminalize Alejandro in relation to the uprising, all Vaughn-related prisoners continue to be targets for retaliation. Years later, these prisoners are still being abused for staying in solidarity with one another against the state.

**Birthday:** December 17

**Address:**

Alejandro Rodriguez-Ortiz, SBI  
515700  
Delaware DOC - 1101  
PO Box 96777  
Las Vegas, NV 89193

### Julio A. Zuniga

Julio "Comrade Z" Zuniga is an anarchist prisoner, writer, artist, and IWW/IWOC member held in Texas. You can see some of his work at his instagram page and check Mongoose Distro for some of his writings.

**Birthday:** December 23

**Address:**

Note: Texas prisons banned all greeting cards and postcards, although this policy may have changed as a result of the move to a fully digital mail system. Texas now uses Securus, so you can send him a message by creating an account at [securustech.online](#), clicking "emessaging - launch account", then searching his name while selecting "State: Texas, Inmate ID: 1961551". Or to send him a letter on standard white paper that complies with Texas restrictions, write to:

TDCJ  
Julio A. Zuniga #1961551  
PO Box 660400  
Dallas, TX 75266-0400

### Casey Brezik

Anarchist prisoner serving time in Missouri.

Missouri uses Securus, so you should be able to send him a message by going to [securustech.online](#), clicking "inmate search", then selecting "State: Missouri, Inmate ID: 1154765."

**Birthday:** December 30

**Address:**

Casey Brezik #1154765  
South Central Correctional Center  
255 West Highway 32  
Licking, MO 65542

### Jonathan Rodriguez

A former Vaughn 17 defendant. While the state has now dropped its attempts to criminalize Jonathan in relation to the uprising, all Vaughn-related prisoners continue to be targets for retaliation. Years later, these prisoners are still being abused for staying in solidarity with one another against the state.

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Amber Smith-Stewart and Caleb Freestone, the two prisoners who were sentenced to a month and a year respectively for pro-choice graffiti. Amber Smith-Stewart is currently due for release on November 27th.

Stop Cop City defendant John "Jack" Mazurek was briefly recalled to jail and then released after a successful call-in campaign. An update from Jack's support committee also sadly notes:

In a desperate attempt to continue to repress the movement against cop city and it's alleged participants, the state has thrown another charge at Jack stemming from the raid on his house in February. After 10 months, the DA has decided to charge Jack with felony drug possession for mushrooms that were allegedly found on the property during the raid. Anyone who knows Jack knows the irony of this and that he has been sober for over a decade.

Nevertheless, on November 7<sup>th</sup>, Jack was forced to turn himself in to Fulton County Jail and spend the night in jail before being bonded out again on this new charge. We see Jack's charges for what they are, a desperate attempt to instill fear in communities engaged in struggle. We remain committed to supporting Jack on his continued journey to fight his case and send our love to all of those on this journey with us. Please continue to talk about jack's case, [table](#) at events, and donate to the [Givebutter](#) to help pay for Jack's legal fees.

Anarchist prisoner Casey Goonan is diabetic and their support crew are asking people to help raise funds for food. Donations can be sent to juliepetersonG on venmo or you can purchase food directly via icaregifts.com.

Minneapolis George Floyd Uprising defendant Montez Lee has submitted a new legal appeal against his sentence. Georgia defendant Richard Hunsinger was released at the end of November, and you can support them [post](#)

release by donating here. In Portland, Uprising defendant Cyan Bass is due for release on December 1st, and a pie-eating contest is being organized to celebrate the occasion. Malik Muhammad, another Portland Uprising prisoner, recently held a hunger strike, which finished after 9 days, having won important concessions from the prison.

A defendant is due to appear in court in Portland on December 2nd on a trespassing charge related to a demo for Sonya Massey. They no longer qualify for a public defender and are urgently fundraising for legal costs, with donations to be sent to \$akincass on cashapp or [cassidykakin@gmail.com](mailto:cassidykakin@gmail.com) on paypal or Zelle.

People in Eugene, Oregon, are organizing to support 19 people facing charges for a Palestine solidarity action from April. You can find a short zine listing all their upcoming court dates here.

A new project has started posting prisoner support zines to archive.org. The with whatever weapons collection currently includes zines on Cara & Celeste, the Merrimack 4, Casey Goonan, the Florida 4, and prisoners from the George Floyd Uprising.

Daniel Andreas San Diego, who has been wanted by the FBI in connection with two animal liberation actions from 2003, was arrested by counter-terrorist police in Wales, UK, in late November. According to a report from the Animal Liberation Front Press Office, former animal liberation prisoner Peter Young, reported that he was offered a "deal" by the FBI to find Daniel Andreas San Diego, which Young promptly refused.

## Self-Immolations at Red Onion

The Virginia Defender has published an article on conditions at Red Onion prison in Virginia, where at least two prisoners are known to have set themselves on fire in order to be transferred out.

This issue was first publicized by Kevin "Rashid" Johnson, who managed to record a message about it which you can listen to here.

A report from *The Guardian* wrote:

Several incarcerated people in Virginia's high-security Red Onion state prison have intentionally burned themselves in a protest against harsh conditions at the facility.

A written statement from Virginia's department of corrections acknowledged that men imprisoned there had harmed themselves, although the authorities confirmed six incidents while others reported that 12 men were injured.

"In recent months, six inmates at Red Onion state prison have burned themselves using improvised devices that were created by tampering with electrical outlets," the director of Virginia's department of corrections, Chad Dotson, said in a written statement.

Dotson's announcement comes a after reporting from the incarcerated journalist Kevin "Rashid" Johnson, who first drew attention to self-harm at the state facility in October through his work on Prison Radio, a non-profit activist organization.

Johnson reported that he had met an individual in September named Ekong Eshiet, who claimed to have returned from the hospital the day before after being treated for self-inflicted burns. On Prison Radio, Johnson said Eshiet had told him that "the racism and abuses, the hard and inhumane conditions at Red Onion, were so intolerable that he and others were setting themselves on fire in desperate attempts to be transferred away from the prison".

About a week later, Prison Radio also released an audio recording from Ekong Eshiet himself, in which Eshiet talked about how he had started a hunger strike since returning from being treated for his burns. He said he was protesting "discrimination",

which he says he has to deal with every day at Red Onion.

Read the [full article here](#).

## Phone and Email Zaps

A phone and email zap is due to be organized in support of Lucasville prisoner Greg Curry, who is currently being held in restrictive housing at Toledo Correctional Institute, and has had all his property confiscated. [Supporters are being asked to call the prison and to email the warden, deputy warden, and senior figures within ODRC.](#)

Another phone and email zap has been called targeting the California prison system in response to a race-based lockdown targeting Black prisoners at Kern Valley State Prison.

As of November 12th, [IDOC Watch were asking for phone calls and emails in support of Nike Haynie](#), a trans woman held in Wabash Valley CF, a men's prison in Indiana.

## Shut 'Em Down 2024

Jailhouse Lawyers Speak have called for a week of actions from December 6-13 under the title Shut 'Em Down. Actions currently confirmed include [several events from Tacoma IWW](#) and a letter-writing event organized by Portland ABC.

## General Prison News and Abolitionist Media Updates

A public event in support of Lucasville Uprising prisoner Greg Curry was organized [in Detroit on November 10th](#). You can keep up with news from Greg's support crew at the [Have You Seen Greg Curry? Instagram page](#). Also on November 10th, [an event was held in Philadelphia for the Rebellious Hearts book](#), with Dwayne "BIM" Staats and Jarreau "Ruk" Ayers of the Vaughn 17 calling in, along with an appearance from ex-

prisoner Shaykh Ali.

An online event, [Censored by Prisons, Censored by TedX](#), is being organized for December 3rd, and will feature incarcerated writers Kwaneta Harris, Lyle C. May and Rayne Vylette discussing prison censorship.

Michigan Abolition and Prisoner Solidarity have released [a new issue of their zine The Opening Statement](#).

The No Trace project have published [three security proposals for the international anarchist movement](#).

[A new digital archive has been created to highlight the work of jailhouse lawyers](#).

[The Jericho Movement have released a statement in support of Samidoun](#), the Palestinian prisoner support network facing increased state repression.

[Truthout has a report on the movement to abolish family policing](#) along with a piece on [Russel Shoatz new autobiography, I Am Maroon](#).

[The House of Representatives has voted to pass HR 9495](#), a bill allowing the government to designate non-profits as "terrorist supporting" and take away their status. The bill is mostly opposed by Democrats now that they know it'll be used by the incoming Trump administration, but had wide support from both parties when first introduced. The bill now heads to the Senate to be voted on there.

[It's Going Down](#) has published a reportback from [a fight weekend that was held in North Carolina as a fundraiser for anarchist prisoner Michael Kimble](#).

[Mongoose Distro are selling shirts to fundraise for their ongoing work](#).

The Louisiana Senate is due to vote on [a constitutional amendment designed to make it easier to send young teenagers to adult prisons](#).

[The University of North Carolina is expanding its use of AI surveillance](#) to crack down on ex-

Palestine solidarity protests.

*Scalawag Magazine* has published a report on how [Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has attempted to criminalize migrant solidarity work on the Mexican border](#).

Recent episodes of the *Final Straw Radio* have covered [women's prisons in North Carolina](#) and resistance to the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, Washington. *Kite Line Radio* recently broadcast ["Addicted to Losing"](#), a presentation first given at the Philadelphia Anti-Repression Convergence.

["How to Defend Yourself During A Police Interrogation"](#), a book originally published in French and German, has just been translated into English, and the authors are looking for publishers to produce physical copies of the English version.

*NBC News* also has a new article on what to expect from Trump's forces under the new administration:

Judging from what has been pushed thus far, there are several legal measures most likely to be used once Trump returns to Washington. One would be deporting foreign college students in the U.S. on a visa after they're found to have openly advocated for Hamas or another U.S.-designated terror group, or after they participated in an unauthorized campus protest and were suspended, expelled or jailed.

Another measure would be to pursue federal prosecutions of demonstrators who block synagogue entrances or disrupt Jewish speakers at events. A third approach is to charge protest leaders and nonprofits that aid in fundraising for protest groups with failing to register with the U.S. Justice Department as an ["agent of a foreign principal."](#) And a fourth avenue is to open investigations into [protest leaders who are in direct contact](#) with U.S.-designated terror groups while advocating on their behalf.

...America First Legal has in the

past year filed four lawsuits that provide a glimpse into how the Trump administration could differ from its predecessor. America First Legal alleges in the suits that the State Department, the Justice Department, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Education have protected pro-Hamas extremists.

In court papers and in letters to several federal oversight officials, America First Legal has also said it believes the Justice Department should have forced several leaders of pro-Palestinian groups to report themselves under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, known as FARA, which requires individuals acting as ["an agent of a foreign principal"](#) to register themselves with the Justice Department.

Read the [full article here](#).

## International

The UK state has launched a new wave of arrests, using anti-terror laws to target people alleged to be connected to actions against the arms industry. Two members of the "Thales 5", another group of Palestine solidarity prisoners, [have failed to overturn their convictions but have had their sentences reduced to 10 months](#). British police have also recently launched a crackdown on the Kurdish movement in the UK, arresting six people at a Kurdish community centre.

Also in the UK, anarchist prisoner [Toby Shone is finally free](#). Shortly before his release, [he was able to publish "Unsurprising Fact"](#), an article about state surveillance of anyone in contact with him, and was then hit with new restrictions for publishing the article.

A French court has ordered the release of Lebanese revolutionary prisoner Georges Ibrahim Abdallah, who is now due for release on December 6.

The Spanish state has started to crack down on the Samidoun network, following the examples of Germany, the US and Canada.

Palestinian solidarity activists in Denmark put out a call for global demonstrations outside Danish embassies on November 26th, after the Danish state launched raids against seven houses. One person has been remanded to prison without access to letters or visits.

Palestinian political prisoner Mohammed Abu Warda has started his 23rd year inside the Israeli prison system, while [doctor Adnan Al-Bursh is reported to have been tortured to death in an Israeli prison](#).

Spanish anarchist prisoner Toni Chávero Mejías has begun a hunger strike in solidarity with Chilean prisoner Marcelo Villarroel.

Solidarity actions are being organized for Nikos Romanos, a well-known Greek anarchist arrested after an explosion in an Athens flat. The Greek police also recently arrested a 17-year-old anarchist in Messolonghi.

Marianna, another Greek anarchist who was seriously injured in the explosion, [has been transferred to Korydallos](#), a prison which does not have a hospital.

## Solidarity Prisoners

Calla Walsh  
Paige Belanger  
Bridget Shergalis  
Sophie Ross

All at:

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## Uprising Defendants

See [Uprising Support](#) for more info, and check out [the Antirepression PDX site](#) for updates from Portland cases. You can also check [With Whatever Weapons](#) for regularly-updated zines listing current prisoners. To the best of our knowledge they currently include:

Tyre Means 49981-086  
USP Victorville  
US Penitentiary

P.O. Box 3900  
Adelanto, CA 92301

Margaret Channon 49955-086  
FCI Tallahassee  
P.O. Box 5000  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Malik Muhammad #23935744  
Oregon State Penitentiary  
2605 State Street  
Salem, OR 97310

Montez Lee 22429-041  
FCI Ray Brook  
Federal Correctional Institution  
PO Box 900  
Ray Brook, NY 12977

Matthew White #21434-041  
USP Terre Haute  
PO Box 33  
Terre Haute, IN 47808

Matthew Rupert #55013-424  
USP Big Sandy  
US Penitentiary  
P.O. Box 2068  
Inez, KY 41224

José Felan #54146-380  
FCI Terre Haute  
Federal Correctional Institution  
P.O. Box 33  
Terre Haute, IN 47808

David Elmakayes 77782-066  
FCI McKean  
Federal Correctional Institution  
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USP Big Sandy  
U.S. Penitentiary  
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